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## Equine Guelph E-News

May 2018

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Greetings!

Welcome to this month's edition of Equine Guelph E-News.

**Alert:** [Rabies in Canada update](#) & video with [Dr. Maureen Anderson](#)**Alert:** EIA, [Clearwater County, Alberta](#)**Advisory:** Have you Vaccinated for West Nile yet? [ON Stats 2017](#)**Advisory:** The latest on ticks and a [tick tracker](#) monitoring populations in Canada**Video:** OVC Master's student, Megan Neely discusses [Lyme disease research](#) in Ontario Horses.

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### Youth Literary Derby - Equine Guelph Donates Online Courses for Winners

Equine Guelph, a leader in equine research and sports medicine, headlines a group of Ontario educators extolling the merits of the Youth Literary Derby.

"The Derby is a wonderful initiative encouraging youth of Ontario to express themselves, engage and celebrate in the wonderful world of horses," said Gayle Ecker, director of Equine Guelph. "As an enthusiastic partner in the promotion of the Youth Literary Derby and a strong supporter of education for budding horse enthusiasts, Equine Guelph is pleased to provide online Horse Behaviour and Safety courses for the winners of the Youth Literary Derby."

**Enter to Win!**



## Woodbine Brings LAER to ORI International Training Conference

With a hefty focus on emergency management, this year's annual conference for the Organization of Racing Investigators (ORI), at Woodbine racetrack in Toronto, included Large Animal Emergency Rescue training provided by Equine Guelph.

"...this conference was one of the best," says Racing Investigator/Firefighter Troy Moffatt.

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## Large Animal Rescue Course in Demand

In emergencies with life and death situations where most people would flee, how is it that firefighters, paramedics and other first responders stay calm and methodical? Training and the right equipment are two of their most important tools.

Equine Guelph's Large Animal Emergency Rescue course has presented at six venues already since the start of 2018 with the same message. This training is critical for first responders faced with emergencies dealing with large animals.

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## What is one thing WE can do to improve equine welfare?

Equine Guelph has been contacting equine experts and leaders of the industry for their view of what we can do to make our industry a better place for horses! We want you to join in and share your thoughts on this important topic.

So far, we have comments on welfare issues relating to education of horse owners from basic management, understanding behaviour and pain recognition, end of life planning and tougher stewardship in competitions.

[Join in and have your say!](#)



## EquiMania! Kicked off 2018 at Can-Am

EquiMania! would like to extend a sincere thank you to the organizers, supporters, sponsors, volunteers and the attendees at the Can-Am Equine Expo in Markham, ON. It was the 13th consecutive year of participation for EquiMania! at yet another brilliant show!

The auction was a resounding success with \$4275.00 raised in under 15 minutes, with all the proceeds going to Equine Guelph. Many thanks to the four talented ladies who donated their beautiful pieces of art include: Nola McCannan, Ann Clifford, Kelly Plitz and Shawn Hamilton.

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Photo: Yash Sinhasan

## Cameron Lago: Charting a Course for Success

There's no doubt Cameron Lago has charted a successful course in the Standardbred industry, thanks to an unmistakable passion for the sport and an exceptional educational experience through Equine Guelph.

Learn how Equine Guelph [tuition awards](#) have given Lago a leg up.

[Read on](#)



## Horse Day June 2 Win a Horse Behaviour Course

Equine Guelph has joined in with Equine Canada's drawing contest.

In celebration of Horse Day Equine Guelph has donated a [Horse Behaviour and Safety for Youth online course](#) to the first place winner of the age 13 - 16 category. This interactive three week course begins July 23.

[Enter to Win!](#)



## U of G Researchers highlight cardiovascular performance research in horses and humans

University of Guelph researchers shared findings in equine and human cardiovascular performance on March 15th, 2018. These talks were organized by the Centre for Cardiovascular Investigations. Equine Guelph's Director, Gayle Ecker, was on hand to introduce the speakers.

Dr. Peter Physick-Sheard focused on [sudden death in racehorses](#) .

Dr. Jamie Burr discussed how remote [ischemic preconditioning](#) , a procedure that has been typically researched for use during medical emergencies, may be applied to enhance human performance.

Watch videos of the talks at the above links or [read on](#) .

## More News

[Large Animal CT scanner fund raising is being helped by Esther the Wonder Pig!](#)

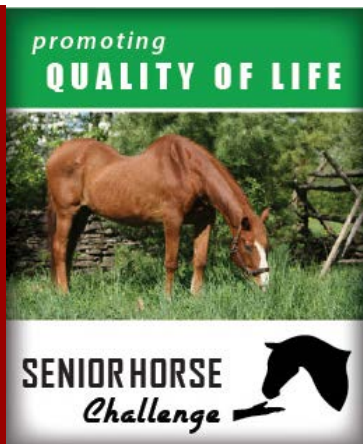
[Funding opportunities available for Ontario Equine Businesses](#) , as presented at the 2018 Equine Industry Symposium at the University of Guelph, by David Reynolds, President of INAC Services Ltd.

## Healthcare Tool of the Month - Senior Horse Challenge

### Is your senior horse challenged with a metabolic issue? Delayed Shedding? Laminitis?

Delayed shedding can be an early warning sign of Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (PPID).

Laminitis can be a sign of PPID and Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS)



yet it is often treated without identifying the underlying cause.

To learn more about detecting early warning signs for metabolic issues and other important factors in maintaining health as your horse ages, visit Equine Guelph's Senior Horse Challenge Healthcare Tool, kindly sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.

[Read on](#)

[Visit Senior Horse Challenge](#)

[More Healthcare tools](#) : Colic Risk Rater, Lameness Lab, Journey through the Joints, Barn fire prevention, Biosecurity Risk Calculator, ThermoRegulator, Senior Horse Challenge, Code Decoder, Vaccination Equi-Planner, Horse Health Tracker App.

[Help for Horse Owner Videos](#) - visit us on YouTube.

### Online Educational Offerings



#### Equine Guelph Courses beginning May 7

Management of the Equine Environment, Equine Finance & Risk Management, Equine Health & Disease Prevention, Equine Functional Anatomy, Equine Genetics, Equine Welfare, Equine Behaviour.

[Learn more and Register!](#)



[TheHorsePortal.ca](#) - short online courses

Next offering: [Horse Behaviour & Safety for Youth](#)  
(ages 14 - 17) July 23 - August 10



All Equine Guelph courses qualify for coaches updating credits

### Upcoming Events



- EquiMania! has [online learning games for kids](#)
- EquiMania! at [Mohawk Racetrack](#) Campbellville, May 19
- EquiMania! at [Brooklin Spring Fair](#), May 31 - June 3
- EquiMania! at [Horse Capades](#) - CNE, Jul 28 - Aug 16

Bring EquiMania! to your event: Contact [Eq4kids@uoguelph.ca](mailto:Eq4kids@uoguelph.ca)



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