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Equine Herpes Virus

As you are all aware, we have been closed since May 15th. This was a precautionary measure only, in order to do our part in preventing any potential exposure to the EHV-1. We will be re-opening on June 4th, hosting our last CTPA Penning. It will be back to regular business here at the OAS. We are looking forward to that! It has been very very quiet around here. Below is a summary of the May 30th report from Moore Equine. To read the full report go to www.mooreequine.ca or look at our homepage.

To date, the **reported positive cases** of nEHV-1 in Alberta are as follows:

One neurological case first found positive at the start of May is now recovered.

Three previous cases tested positive with mild respiratory signs/fever are all now recovered

Four additional PCR positive horses, previously classified as suspects with no apparent clinical signs were reported this week. These horses were all from Ogden or stablemates; therefore, they do not affect this discussion group's level of concern at this time.

To date **suspect cases** of nEHV-1 in Alberta are as follows:

One previously reported neurologic case that is being retested. The mild neurological signs are almost resolved and the horse remains under quarantine. Initial testing was negative for the virus; however, further samples have been submitted for re-testing.

Two new mild neurologic cases in Northern Alberta that are presently being tested. These are cutting horses that were in contact with Ogden horses at a competition in Lloydminster.

One possible neurologic case is being investigated and tested but it is too early to classify it as suspect. It appears that all of the cases and suspected cases remain in horses associated with the cutting horse industry. All horses have been appropriately isolated.

HORSES 101

Everything you always wanted to know about horses...but didn't know who to ask! In partnership with the Horse Industry Association of Alberta, we are pleased to offer a very informative evening here at the OAS.

Horses 101 is a comprehensive 3 1/2 hour seminar covering the

topics of horse care and nutrition, managing horses at home, assessing stables and horse selection. We are fortunate to have 3 very well-known horse industry professionals here for the evening. Katrina van den Bosch, Ron Anderson and Doug Milligan. Don't miss out on this great op-

portunity. The date is Tuesday June 7th from 6 pm to 9:30pm. Cost \$20 You must pre-register for this seminar. Contact Dawn in the office to register..



CTPA Pennings

Each year we host several CTPA Pennings. We have had two so far, April 30 and May 14th. Our final event is coming up on June 4th. These events are good "money makers" for the OAS and it takes a lot of people to pull them off. We have had an amazing crew of **volunteers** that helped prepare for these events. Thank you to Pernell Relitz, Jackie and Ervie Miller, Ken Crawford, Robb and Michelle Waldner, Kendra Roberts, Dale Glover, Ron McKay, Deb Rowland, Butch MacPherson, Brent and Yvonne Harris, Darryl Bruce, Brandi Kromm, Drew Parker, Tammy and

Cam Evans, Sheila Betsworth, Shelley Relitz, McKinley Wall (from FCCRS) and Susan Wall. If there have been any omissions, please forgive us, we by no means intend to forget anyone who helps.



HEBSON UPDATE

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING! While not quite finished yet, Hebson looks amazing. There is a little metal work left to be done on the North side. We will be freshening up the washrooms as well. It's like a brand new arena. Thank you all for your patience during this very exciting project.

The Stall Crew

As part of our refurbishment of Hebson, we have decided not to put any stalls back up in the arena. We want to keep that strictly a riding arena utilizing as much space for riding as we can. So the stalls will be permanently set up outside on the south side of Hebson against

the cattle pens. We will be covering them as well. This is a very big project and takes many hands. We would like to thank the crew that helped last weekend: Pernell Relitz, Braydon Minue, Ervie Miller, Bill Prosser, Jennifer Zilm, Robb and Michelle Waldner, Brent Harris,

Tammy and Cam Evans, Lynsey Miller, Chance Harman and Jane Kramer. Pernell has since set up most of the stalls by himself and it looks amazing. We will need another day with yet again more volunteers. We need welders to help us out. If you are willing to volunteer some time, please let us know as we must have these stalls completed for the Calgary Stampede, first week of July.

Great Education Is Built By Great Communities

Bow Valley College, Calgary and Region's one and only comprehensive community college, has been given a regional stewardship mandate by the government of Alberta. That means that BVC is responsible to work with communities and education partners to enhance access to post secondary education for our region of 1.3 million southern Albertans, including Okotoks, High River, Black Diamond and Turner Valley. Together with government, a network of partners and community support, Bow Valley college is developing innovative adult education programs and services in Calgary and its surrounding region that equip people

for lifelong learning and full participation in Alberta's economy. They're working together to ensure efforts complement community efforts. Efforts with partners like the Alberta rural Development Network will enable the college to investigate healthy workforce development in rural Alberta, community consultation, engage post-secondary institutions in regional stewardship, and the role of employers in expanding post-secondary education in the region. Throughout this year the College will be implementing the BVC regional educational representative role in Strathmore, Okotoks and Cochrane. These representatives will be the

Eyes and ears, ensuring Post-secondary needs of the communities are understood by the College and that the regional stewardship role of the College is understood in the communities.

They need to hear from you. Input is invaluable as they determine, prioritize, and address adult learning programs, courses and services that best meet the learning needs of our community. Please take a moment to go to this link take their online survey.

www.bvcsurvey.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

OAS—CTPA Penning	June 4
Horses 101 Seminar (pre-registration required)	June 7
Calgary Stampede Penning Qualifiers	July 6 & 7
Calgary Stampede Cutting Qualifiers	July 11 & 12
Reining Alberta Schooling Show	July 23 & 24
Alberta Reined Cow Horse Show (ARCHA)	Aug 12, 13 & 14,
Alberta Reined Cow Horse Show (ARCHA)	Sept 16, 17 & 18,
Okotoks 55th Annual Lighthouse Show	Sept 3 & 4
Wild West Agrifest	Sept 17

OAS CONCESSION

CAN-USA Catering will no longer be operating our concessions. We thank them for their service over the past year and a half and wish them nothing but the best.. The OAS will operate the concession for the time being using volunteer help.

Effective January 2010, the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission passed a law that any person serving alcohol must have "Pro-serve" train-

ing. This course can be taken online. If you are willing to commit to several dates, the OAS will pay for you to get your training. If you are interested in helping out in the concession and/or are willing to take the training, please contact Dawn Mitchell at 403-938-3256. Check our upcoming events list above, we will need concession help with all the shows!

We would like to extend a very BIG thank you to Shelley Relitz, Yvonne Harris, Jackie Miller, Brenda and Tim Minue and Jamea Minue. The upstairs lounge has never looked better, the floors are waxed, the fabric chairs have been steam cleaned and the kitchen is sparkling. Looks like a brand new place!



This could be you! See how much fun she is having!!!!





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The wind of heaven is that which blows
between a horse's ears.

- Arabian proverb



THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMMM.....

Here is a little story dedicated to all of our volunteers past, present and future. It doesn't matter how much or little you do, it is all appreciated!

GIFTS FROM THE HEART By Michael Josephson

According to legend, a young man while roaming the desert came across a spring of delicious crystal-clear water. The water was so sweet he filled his leather canteen so he could bring some back to a tribal elder who had been his teacher. After a four-day journey he presented the water to the old man who took a deep drink, smiled warmly and thanked his student lavishly for the sweet water. The young man returned to his village with a happy heart. Later, the teacher let another student taste the water. He spat it out, saying it was awful. It apparently had become stale because of the old leather container. The student challenged his teacher: "Master, the water was foul. Why did you pretend to like it?" The teacher replied, "You only tasted the water. I tasted the gift. The water was simply the container for an act of kindness and nothing could be sweeter."

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Our Largest Fundraiser of the Year



WILD WEST AGRIFEST

Join us for some great food, fancy fiddling, do-si-do-ing, and an all around boot stompin' good time. Dine on fabulous Alberta Fresh products, enjoy entertainment by Hugh McLennan, voice of Spirit of the West, and two-step the night away. Tickets for this year's annual Okotoks Agricultural Society Fundraiser will be available June 6th. You won't want to miss this party! Save the date!



This very prepared fella must live near
the Sheep or Highwood Rivers!!