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# HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



## HORSE COUNCIL BC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
& DIRECTORS AT LARGE



## RESULTS OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS & DIRECTORS AT LARGE

October 2, 2019, the Call for Nominations was issued to the HCBC membership. October 23, 2019, the nomination period closed.

Here are the results from the call for nominations and election process:

Regional Directors for a two-year term (2020):

- East Kootenays – Arlene Ridge, re-elected by acclamation
- Thompson Shuswap – Carolyn Farris, re-elected by acclamation
- Peace River – Jennifer Petley, elected by acclamation
- Vancouver Island North – no nominations received
- Vancouver Sunshine Coast – Egil Hansen, re-elected by acclamation
- Fraser Valley East – two nominations received and will be determined by an election by the members of the Fraser Valley East Region

October 31, 2019 Voting Opens using the electronic

voting system. November 28, 2019 Voting closes at midnight Pacific Time

Susan Holtby  
Elaine Bessuille

**For the voting notice to members of the Fraser Valley East Region:** <https://hcbc.online/vote>

2 Directors at Large for two-year terms (2020 – 2021):

Alane Lublow elected by acclamation

One vacant Director at Large position

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## 2020 MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

You don't need to wait till January, 2020 Memberships are available now! Forgot to renew for 2019? We also have 2019/2020 joint year memberships available!

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Renew Now](#)



## BC EQUINE EDUCATION SUMMIT RETURNS IN 2020

It's Back! BC's premiere Equine Education Conference will once again be bringing you top internationally recognized professionals presenting the latest findings in equine health, welfare and training.

APRIL 24-26, 2020

Where: Quality Inn and Conference Centre  
36035 N Parallel Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2C6

Tickets: \$200+GST Full Weekend Pass (Saturday & Sunday)

\$125+GST Single Day Saturday Pass

\$125+GST Single Day Sunday Pass

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

The list of speakers and topics can be found by [clicking here](#).

**More Info**

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## HCBC ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2019 HCBC Awards! Make sure you get your nominations in by December 30th and help us recognize those doing great things in the BC equestrian community!

Awards categories include:

- Coach of the Year
- Bob James Volunteer of the Year
- Sherman Olson Lifetime Achievement Award

Deadline is December 30, 2019





More information and nomination forms can be found here:

<https://www.hcbc.ca/index.php/about/hcbc-awards/>



## HCBC HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO GORD MACKENZIE

Gord Mackenzie is a long-time volunteer at Horse Council British Columbia, and has been outstanding in his contribution to the organization. Gord first served on the HCBC Board of Directors in 1997 as Back Country Horsemen of BC's Affiliate Director, and has served nearly continually since that time, most recently as a Director at Large.

During his time on the HCBC board, Gord was Treasurer at a time when the organization greatly benefitted from his expertise and sound financial management, aiding us in moving to a robust financial model. He brought with him an appreciation and knowledge of technology and

business tools from his professional experience, and shared them willingly. Gord established budgeting tools, encouraging investment in technology and staff that has led to the growth and financial stability of HCBC.

[Read More](#)

## HCBC HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Looking to get a head start on your holiday shopping? Check out the HCBC Holiday Gift Guide for some inspiration!

[View the Guide](#)

## THREE ONLINE COURSES ON OFFER TO HCBC MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER!

### Gut Health & Colic Prevention: Nov. 11 – 29

"This course provides valuable insight for anyone that has an interest in improving the management of horse health. The take away is that good management saves horse lives and reduces expensive vet calls." - Jackie, Student – Gut Health & Colic Prevention short course  
Calgary, Alberta

**Horse Behaviour & Safety (youth & adult offerings): Nov. 25 – Dec. 6**

"This was an excellent summary of basic safety, handling and care of horses and the people involved with them. Great resources provided, well written, well cited." - Becky Taylor (pictured), Student – Horse Behaviour & Safety short course  
Owner and Coach Instructor  
Olds, Alberta

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Register at: <https://thehorseportal.ca/partner/hcbc/>



## Dr. Reed's Formula 2 Pellets

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## FEATURED EC LEARN TO RIDE RIDER OF THE MONTH: Sarah Barber

I am 55 years old. I am from the East Coast of England - The small town of Sleaford, in the County of Lincolnshire. We moved here in 2006 and have a wonderful life here in Quesnel, BC. I am a homebased Esthetician and proud President of our local Bouchie Lake Gymkhana Club. I bought my horse Beau when he was 8. He is a paint 1/4 horse with a little thoroughbred.

Having ridden since I was 6 - he is the first horse I owned at age 43!!  
Moving to Canada made it possible for me to have my own horse at last!!  
We do/have done everything together...  
Drill, jumping, mountain trail, working equitation, dressage, gymkhana, trail riding and more...  
He is the love of my life 💕

11 yrs on ....and we are the best we have ever been since I started the EC Riding levels in February this year with my fantastic coach Carolyn Dobbs. She started me on the levels in February and the progress and improvement we have made is fantastic....she has truly inspired me to become a much better, knowledgeable rider and to continue pushing to



be even better still. I am now on levels 7/8 and am excited to be taking the beginner instructor course next year

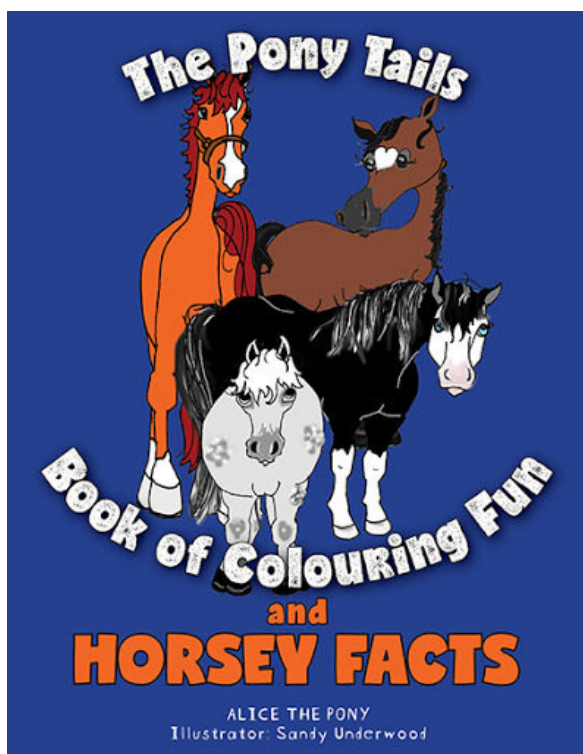
[Learn more about the EC Learn to Ride Program](#)

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## PONY TAILS KIDS CLUB

Hey there Pony Tails friends, it's me Alice!

Did you know I wrote a book? The Pony Tails Book of Colouring Fun is packed full of fun facts, colouring and games. Order yours now from the Horse Council BC Bookstore at <https://store.hcbc.ca/>, it is also available online through Amazon.ca, Barnes and Noble and Friesen Press!

It makes a great gift for the horse crazy kid in your life!



Do you love watching horses and observing their behaviour? Do you find yourself wondering sometimes why they do what they do? Ethology is a branch of science that looks at animal behaviour. Equine ethologists are scientists who study horse behaviour using both laboratory and field science methods. Yes—there are people who do this for a living!

Researchers recently made a surprising discovery in the abandoned Chernobyl Exclusion Zone (CEZ) — it's now home to endangered wild horses. Using video and photo monitoring technology, they learned that a herd of Przewalski horses are routinely using abandoned structures in the CEZ. The CEZ is located in Ukraine covering an area of approximately 2,600 km<sup>2</sup> surrounding the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant where radioactive contamination from the 1986 nuclear fallout is highest and public access is restricted. The researchers hope these structures can serve as important places for research and management to obtain population information such as age, sex ratio, population size and genetic structure.

See photos and read more about it here:

<https://nypost.com/2019/10/30/chernobyl-shocker-endangered-wildhorses-move-into-exclusion-zone>

### Comparing Wild vs Stabled Horses' Time Budgets



Spending time outdoors observing and learning about horses is an activity many people love.

Do you enjoy watching horses interact? Do you wonder about their behaviour? If you do, being an equine **ethologist** may be a dream job for you.



**Science Talk**—ethologist: a person who scientifically studies animal behaviour. Ethologists use both laboratory and field science methods.

One area of research looks at how horses divide their time between the activities that satisfy their four basic needs: food, water, movement and rest. This is referred to as the time budget.

Given what you already know about horses, would you predict the time budgets for wild

horses to be the same or different from the time budgets of stabled horses? In what ways would you expect them to be different? In what ways would you expect them to be the same?

Let's take a look at what equine ethologists have discovered.



Another study compared the behaviour of wild horses with the behaviour of domestic horses. Researchers looked at the time budgets of wild horses vs three different groups of domestic horses. What's a time budget? Find out with Horse Lover's Math's six page worksheet.

<https://www.horseloversmath.com/product/comparing-wild-vs-stabled-horses-time-budgets>





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LOVER'S MATH**  
understanding math through horses



## **INVASIVE SPECIES: WILD SWINE INFILTRATE BC**

In the late 1980's and early 1990's, Eurasian wild boar were imported to diversify Canadian livestock production. Since then, escaped animals have proliferated across the country, in some cases mating with escaped domestic swine to create animals simply known as wild pigs.

"Wild pigs are so widespread that they are a major challenge to control in Canada and eradication is only possible with a comprehensive plan to deal with this highly efficient invasive species. In Saskatchewan they are already posing significant risks to agriculture and livestock production. Our mapping of their expanding territory shows just how quickly they are spreading. This is a rapidly emerging crisis." - USask's Ryan Brook, lead researcher for the Canadian Wild Pig Project

Within B.C., feral pigs have been reported in low numbers in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Thompson-Okanagan, Peace, Chilcotin and Kootenay Regions. Feral pigs have not yet established large populations in the province, but their incredible adaptability and reproductive success in other areas would suggest that time is not on our side. In the United States, where wild pigs have been a destructive invasive species for many years. Upwards of \$1 billion is spent yearly to control and eradicate them.

For more information on wild pigs, their habits and how to report sightings and manage them, please visit:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/invasive-species/alerts/feral\\_pig\\_alert.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/invasive-species/alerts/feral_pig_alert.pdf)

<https://phys.org/news/2019-05-wild-pigs-invade-canadian-provinces.html>

<https://albertaviews.ca/boar-war/>



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**EQUINE MYO-MASSAGE THERAPY**


**LEARN FROM A TEACHER WITH  
OVER 29 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

**6 WEEK COURSES**  
**KAMLOOPS, MAY 04-JUNE 12, 2020**

**7 DAY COURSES**  
**KAMLOOPS, SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2019**  
**LANGLEY, JULY 26 - AUGUST 01, 2020**

**SEE WEB SITE FOR OTHER COURSES  
OFFERED NATIONALLY**

**[www.EquineRehab.ca](http://www.EquineRehab.ca)**




Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure

**Standard Signs**


Highway Engineering Standard Signs and Systems  
Traffic Engineering Association of British Columbia  
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**Sign Series**  
**W-064-11-Tabs**


**EXAMPLE**




W-064-11-Ta



W-064-11-Tb



W-064-11-Tc



W-064-11-Td

Ref: H18 0093

Approved November 2018  
**Jerry Froese**  
Senior Traffic Engineer

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## DID YOU KNOW? EQUESTRIAN ROAD SIGNAGE MADE TO ORDER

Any equestrian in British Columbia may ask the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for warning signage, or enhanced warning signage, on the roads they have to ride on. Certain restrictions apply: MOTI is not able to erect warning signage on numbered highways, or roads not under their jurisdiction. On all other BC roads, you may apply to your local MOTI district or sub-district office to have signage installed or enhanced. The process is simple, and equestrians all over BC are taking advantage of the opportunity to improve safety signage in their areas.

For instructions on how to proceed with applying for signage, and a list of MOTI district and sub-district offices, please visit:

<https://www.hcbc.ca/index.php/trailsrec/road-safety/road-sign-help/>



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## BC ATHLETES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The BC Athletes Assistance Program (BC AAP) is funded by the Provincial Government and administered by the Sport Branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture. The program seeks to recognize high performance athletes who are participating in programs offered through a provincial sport organization to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs. Athletes must qualify according to the general guidelines and discipline specific criteria included in the following BC AAP Funding Application;

[2019-BC-AAP-Application revised-01\\_19](#)

### TIMELINES:

Deadline for Receipt of Completed Applications: December 5th, 2019

BC AAP Review Committee Process completed with Athlete Selection posted by December 15th, 2019

Athlete Appeal Period is December 15th – December 31st, 2019

Available Funds dispersed no later than January 15th, 2020

[More Info](#)

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## THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE CALL FOR FEEDBACK

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the production, marketing, processing and merchandising of agricultural products and food, and through its legislation protects 4.6 million hectares of farmland in British Columbia. Because of these responsibilities, the ministry would like to ask for your opinions and ideas about how to better support farmers, encourage farming and keep farmland available for farming.

We need to hear from British Columbians on how best to move forward by asking for your insight and opinions on how we can best:

- Support farmers and ranchers in the ALR to expand and diversify their businesses;
- Help new or young farmers become established on the land and in business; and,
- Ensure there is flexibility for residential options while prioritizing agriculture in the ALR.

Solutions to these challenges are needed now more than ever as farmers face increased risks and unpredictability related to climate change, rising land prices, and pressure to use farm land for non-farm uses.

Your ideas are needed so that the agriculture industry in B.C. continues to expand and thrive.

Feedback is invited between September 19, 2019 to November 15, 2019 at 4 pm

During this time, you can share your feedback in several different ways including:

- [Attend an in-person meeting](#).
- [Completing the online questionnaire](#)
- Organizations can also [make formal submissions](#) that will be posted to the site.

The feedback received will help the Provincial Government encourage farming, protect farmland in B.C. and may determine other potential actions that should be developed or consulted upon.

All comments received online, by mail or email by November 15, 2019, will be reviewed by ministry staff and a 'What We Heard' report will then be compiled and released to the public.

[More Info](#)



New Contest

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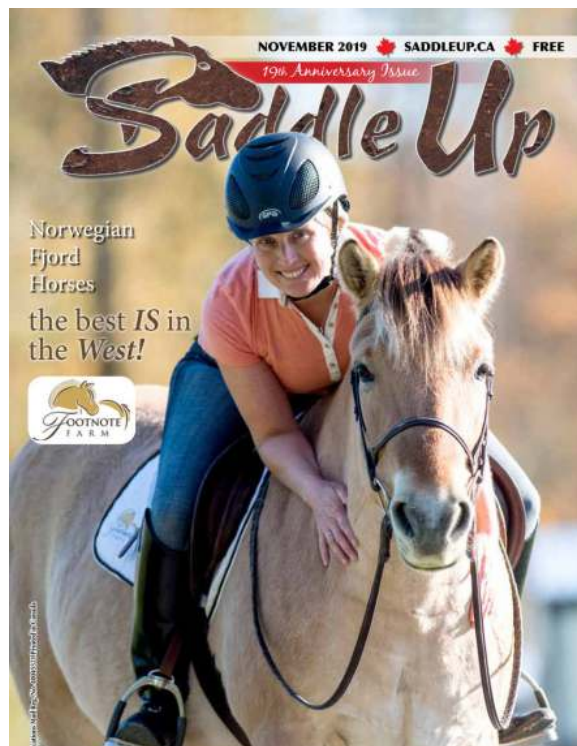
**DRAW DATES:**  
October 1 • October 16  
November 1 • November 18  
December 2, 2019

## MEDIA PARTNER MAGAZINES

Horse Council BC is partnered with 2 of Canada's top horse magazines for the 2019 season. This means that we are able to offer all HCBC Members a discount to annual subscriptions to each of these great publications.

To purchase a discounted subscription, please log in to our online membership portal and click "Add Magazine Subscriptions to Existing Horse Council BC Membership".

Click on the monthly magazines right here in the e-news to go straight to these publication's websites and check out their great content each month!



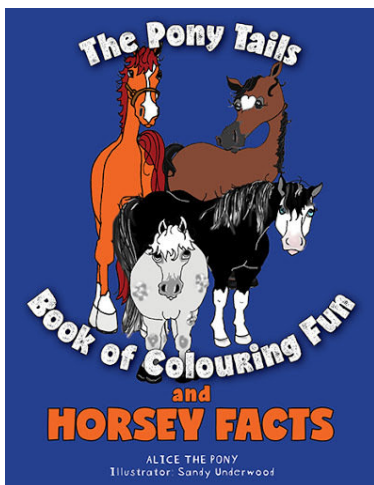

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## BOOK OF THE MONTH

**The Pony Tails Book of Colouring Fun**

**By Alice the Pony**

The Pony Tails Book of Colouring Fun and Horsey Facts is a busy activity book designed to ignite the imaginations of horse loving children. The pictures, which depict horses in various states of work and play (infused with a great spirit of energy and joy) are charming and full of whimsy.



In addition to the coloring pages, there is a variety of other activities and content within the pages of this teeming book. There are quotes, poems, recipes, puzzles, mazes, challenges and more along with fact filled pages of advice for readers interested in learning more about particular aspects of equestrian life.

Alice the Pony authored this book with the help of Sandy Underwood who completed all of the illustrations.

[Purchase Book](#)

## 2019 HCBC Official Partners



Horse Council BC gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture



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