

News Flash

April 2026



Canadian Horse Heritage
& Preservation Society

Almost 100 Canadian Horse foals!



Danton Wilson with Woodmont Triton Yargo, and owner Samantha Bateman-Lott.

On April 12, Woodmont Farm in Ladysmith, B.C., held an Open House to celebrate breeder Danton Wilson's 90th birthday, which was well attended. Woodmont Farm has produced almost 100 Canadian Horse foals since its inception, a substantial contribution to the breed! CHHAPS was invited to set up an info table to help broaden awareness of the breed.

Introducing the Board

Megan Currier, joined the Board last year and immediately volunteered to handle breed demos of Canadian Horses at Equine Affaire, MA, 2025. She'll be at the show again this year – with even more Canadians.

Fun Fact!

When not riding, Megan breeds large pedigree dogs. She is the proud owner of Invictus Leonbergers, an ethical preservation program dedicated to the healthy conformation of the Leonberger breed.

Featured Canadian Horse

This month's featured horse is Hampshire Lane Lawrence Sylvie, ridden and owned by Dawn Sparks, CHHAPS Board Secretary, who excels in keeping us organized.

In her own words, "When I opened Facebook not too long ago, there she was – the bay mare of my childhood dreams. One look, she had my heart. Many of you will know of Sylvie; she contributed nine foals to the breed, one of which sold for a whopping US \$200,000, and another is my very own Soul Ridge Taj*Mahal Lark.

"Sylvie epitomizes the breed; her gaits are smooth as silk. She is drop-dead gorgeous and kind, with a mischievous twinkle in her eye. Though stubborn and opinionated at times, she is always willing to try. Sylvie's a good listener too and often acts as my therapist. Like most Canadians, she steals your heart."



Hampshire Lane Lawrence Sylvie

If you would like your horse featured here, please contact Carol at media@chhaps.ca

Upcoming Events

CHHAPS 1st Annual Iron Horse Photo/Video Contest

- April 18 – May 31
- See our [FB page](#) for more details

Kick Cancer Dressage

- Spring Virtual Show
- June 9th - 16th, 2026

CHHAPS and CHARMD (Alberta CH club) are each sponsoring a \$100 Canadian Horse High Score Award at this community-driven virtual dressage event. Good luck to all contestants!

Canada Day at Fort Langley, BC

- July 1, 2026

Terry Spring and Dawn Sparks are attending; Terry plans to drive Jewel in her cart so visitors can see the versatility of Canadian Horses. Should be a fun day!

Equine Affaire, MA

- Thursday, Nov 12 - Sunday, Nov 15
Eastern State Exposition,
W. Springfield, Massachusetts

Megan Currier is the CHHAPS lead; she plans to have 8+ Canadian Horses there. Booth and stall info not yet available. Stay tuned!

Where Next?

If you learn of an event where CHHAPS could exhibit or compete, please drop a note to Carol at media@chhaps.ca and she'll look into it!

Preserving a Legend

The Canadian Horse Heritage and Preservation Society (CHHAPS) is an international non-profit dedicated to expanding awareness of this historic breed, le Cheval Canadien, through education and active participation in national, local and county-wide horse fairs. Currently listed as a rare breed, help us bring it back from the brink of extinction so that riders, owners and enthusiasts alike can enjoy the versatility of these magnificent animals for many generations to come.

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