

News Flash

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Canadian Horse Heritage
& Preservation Society

CHHAPS 1st Annual Iron Horse Photo/Video Contest, Date Extended

A fun contest needs sufficient time to enjoy it; May is too darned busy for horse owners, so we're extending the entry deadline!

The future of the Canadian Horse is facing great challenges as is the country itself. We're tying both into an opportunity to celebrate on Canada Day by congratulating this year's live births and hoping for more, and praising Canada for what it's achieved so far, while hoping for more. Both are standing tall against great odds. Mark your calendars: deadline to enter is now midnight (PST) Jul 1, 2026. Ready-set-go!

Generous cash prizes offered:

- 1st place — each category \$100
- 2nd place — each category \$50

Spread the news on social media, #ironhorsecontest.

Introducing the Board

Dawn Sparks joined the CHHAPS Board a few years ago as a Director at large and has since taken on the role of Board Secretary. Dawn keeps us all organized, for which we are eternally grateful.

Fun Fact!

Dawn has been a runner for most of her life. Having competed in five marathons, she now explores BC's numerous trails. Living in Vancouver with mountain peaks on her doorstep, who wouldn't be tempted to join her?

Featured Canadian Horse

Raven turned 29 this year and is officially retired. His registered name is De Montem Bart Galvaro and Meg Currier has been his owner/rider for 11 years. In her words:

"There's so much to say! Raven was always a kind and gentle teacher, supporting me in ways that enabled me to learn new skills. His previous owner, Sarah Myers, put a ton of miles on him for eventing. He had only basic walk/trot/canter and driving skills when she bought him as an almost eight-year-old and within a year he had learned to jump, lead change, and much more.



Raven and Meg Currier (white shirt), with Sarah Myers (green shirt)

While out foxhunting, he quickly learned the horn sounds and would automatically follow the command. He was bold, but never mean. He loved to have fun. He would jump at anything I pointed him at, even if it was a crazy sequence.

His lineage traces back to the Henryville line, along with Viger and La Gorgendiere, and the extinct line, St. Anne, which produced gaited Canadian Horses."

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.

[Join/Renew](#)



Upcoming Events

CHHAPS 1st Annual Iron Horse Photo/Video Contest

- April 18-July 1, 2026
- See CHHAPS [FB page](#) for more info

Kick Cancer Dressage

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

Caledon Horse Fair (for Canadian Horses):

- Sunday, June 21, 2026
- CHHAPS is sponsoring the Halter Class - Canadian mares 2 years old and under.
- Carol Mackay, aka media@chhaps.ca, will attend.

Canada Day at Fort Langley, BC

- July 1, 2026
- Terry Spring (president) and Dawn Sparks (Board Secretary) are attending. Terry will drive Jewel in her cart so visitors can see the versatility of the Canadiens. Should be a fun day!

Equine Affaire, MA

- Thursday, Nov 12-Sunday, Nov 15, 2026
- Eastern State Exposition, W.Springfield, MA
- Meg Currier, our CHHAPS lead, plans to have 8+ Canadiens there. Booth & stall info, TBD. Stay tuned!

Where Next?

Know of any events? Want your horse featured here? Don't hesitate to get in touch with Carol at media@chhaps.ca.