News Flash

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Canadian Horse Heritage & Preservation Society

The Usefulness of Training Clinics

Terry Spring and his horse, Woodmont Athelston Diamo, thoroughly enjoyed participating in a recent Training Clinic in Squamish, BC. It was hosted by Eponas Acres Farm and featured world champion colt starter (Road to the Horse, Kentucky Horse Park) and Canadian FEI Eventer, Tik Maynard. The Clinic host was open to anything attendees wanted to work on and Terry came away with some very valuable new training tools.

"For example, when practicing transitions on the ground (walk to trot to canter), Diamo would tend to lean on the rope by turning his head away from me - especially at the faster gaits. Tik's fix: every time he does that immediately get him to yield his hind and stop the movement before getting him to resume his circle again. This technique kept his focus on me while maintaining that 'float in the rope'!" said Terry.



Tik demonstrating technique with Diamo. *Photo by Matt Muncaster*

Diamo wowed the auditing crowd with his slick side passes and total confidence on the teeter totter, for which he received some well-deserved applause and praise from Tik. The Terry-Diamo team hope to participate in another clinic in December, with Tik's wife Sinead, a top American eventer. The focus will be on jumping as they attempt to lay the foundations for their first foray into eventing next year.

Clinics provide additional opportunities to improve your horse's abilities. Have you attended any Training Clinics recently? What tidbits of advice did you pick up? Tell us something members want to know and we will cover it in an upcoming issue of our monthly mini newsletter. Reach out to Carol, media@chhhaps.ca.

Sharing your experience supports other fellow members with their training efforts. Everyone benefits when useful tools are shared!

Events Updates:

CHHAPS Annual Iron Horse Photo/Video Contest

Just a reminder that the results of this competition will be published in our full newsletter later this year.

Upcoming Events:

Canadian Horse Show, Ancaster Fair, ON

- September 27, 2026
- Indoors, Agricultural Event Centre

Hosted by CCHAO (Cheval Canadien Horse Assoc of Ontario), CHHAPS will donate $100 towards prize monies.

CHHAPS AGM

Save the date: November 22, 2026.

Equine Affaire

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

Meg, our CHHAPS lead for this show, is currently assessing which horses will be attending, creating trading cards, sorting out booth volunteers and getting demos solidified. Kudos to Meg and all of our volunteers, there's always a heap of work involved to make events appear effortless!

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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