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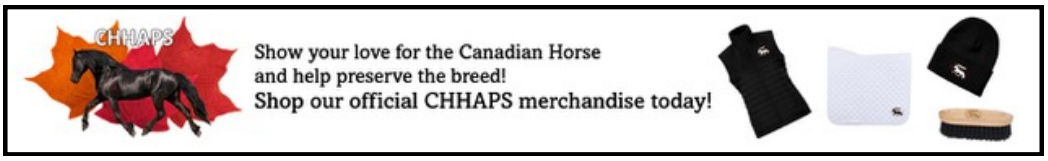
Canadian Horse Heritage & Preservation Society

Cantering into Fall!

While October is busy celebrating its fall colours, one of your Board Members, Meg Currier, has been fully engaged in putting together the final touches for our entry to Equine Affaire (see Upcoming Events for details). And another Board Member, Kimberley Beldam, has set up a method for CHHAPS members and supporters to purchase our logo'd merchandise online. Look for the following link on our website, under News. Happy shopping!

Your Board Members are currently writing articles and gathering material for our new 2026 annual newsletter, which we are calling 'All The King's Horses'. We're hoping it will be a fun and informative read: a review of where we've been through 2026 and a round-up of interesting side subjects, all Canadian Horse-related, of course!

Use this link: https://www.rideeverystride.com/collections/chhaps
You can also find the link on our website, under News.



Featured Canadian Horse

This month we are introducing Cherry Creek Fonzie Beauty, ridden and owned by Elspeth MacDougall. In her own words:

"Having a horse was the best part of my teenage years. However, during my training and subsequent career, I could not dedicate enough time to owning a horse. It was, therefore, an objective of my retirement to acquire a good riding horse to enjoy this passion once again. After careful consideration, I knew I wanted a horse that could be ridden on trails, English equitation style, and be reliable and pleasurable, which led me to the Canadian
Horse breed.

I was fortunate to have a breeder in my area, Yvonne and Jim Hillsden of Cherry Creek Canadian Farms. From them, I acquired my purebred, classic Canadian mare, Cherry Creek Fonzie Beauty, when she was 4 years old. She is a kind, gentle lady who loves riding out on trails, enjoys the challenge of Mountain Trail Courses, and always nickers with pleasure to see me.

Beauty is now 12 years old, and we do a weekly riding lesson to maintain some discipline in our partnership, but we are both happiest when out riding the grasslands (we have over 1000 acres adjacent to the equestrian centre where she resides) and exploring the environs. Beauty is a steadfast and never critical best friend, and I experience great pleasure from riding and caring for her."

Upcoming Events

CHHAPS AGM

The date for our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching! Mark your calendars: Sunday, 22 November, 10:00am to 12:00 noon, Pacific Time, via Zoom. You will be receiving official notification of the meeting within the next week and a Zoom link following that. We look forward to 'seeing' you!

Equine Affaire, Massachusetts

- Eastern State Exposition, W. Springfield, Mass.
- Thurs, Nov 12 – Sun, Nov 15.

Where to Next?

If you hear 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!



Cherry Creek Fonzie Beauty, ridden and owned by Elspeth MacDougall

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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