



PARDS
THERAPEUTIC CENTRE

News From the
"Neigh"bourhood

September

IMPORTANT DATES

No Lessons Saturday, October 12

Monday, October 14 - Office Closed

Upcoming Events



PARDS DINE & DANCE

Festivities begin with a champagne greeting followed by a delicious buffet dinner, cash bar, auctions, draws, music and dancing! The event promises to be a magical evening honouring PARDS' riders.

Tickets can be reserved by contacting the PARDS office at 780-538-3211 or on our website at www.pards.ca

This is our main fundraiser for the year and enables PARDS to keep therapeutic lessons accessible to everyone!

If you would like to donate a silent or live auction item, please contact the PARDS' office

Community Champions



They just kept coming, truck load after truckload!

With hay being a valuable commodity this year we were able to purchase quality hay for a full year, but how to get it here?

It was a day of none stop deliveries, multiples for many, each bringing the much needed hay the PARDS herd will need.

They gave of their time to deliver our year's supply of hay; all in one shot - all 500 bales!

We want to thank all the companies who donated their trucks, trailers and time to make it all possible!

Thank you to Randy Smashnuk for once again organizing a flawless delivery!

We appreciate all the support ensuring our herd eats for another year!

Thank you!

**Curry Transport ~ Harold's Towing ~ Joe Francoeur Trucking
Kenetic Trucking ~ Mark's Hauling ~ Murtron Hauling ~ Neudorf Trenching Ltd.
Smash & Sons Contracting ~ Three S Contracting ~ Wapiti Sand & Gravel**



Summer Highlights

Little Pony Motricity & Skills Camp

PARDS was a very busy place during July and August. PARDS held 7 weeks of Inclusive Day Camps which were all a huge success. We know it was a success as we saw over 150 smiling children and youth in our barn and arena eager to come each day to experience their day with their equine partners. We partnered once again with Camp Tamarack to provide the horsemanship component of their over night horse camps for 2 weeks.

For our wee ones (ages 4-6) we held 2 weeks of Little Pony Motricity Day Camps which were held for a half day either in the morning or the afternoon. The program is set up with fun activities that incorporate fundamental skills in early ages of development while working with assisted learning through our equine partners. Little Pony Motricity is both a ground work and riding program. We staged it in conjunction with our popular all day Skills Camp for more advanced riders. Skills campers learned to become mentors, how to create lessons and then put these lessons into practice with the Little Pony riders. During their week at camp they also worked on developing their horsemanship and riding skills.

We used our tiny miniature horses for the Little Pony camps so that even the smallest of children (48 " and 65 lbs. max) could learn to groom, saddle and even pick hooves by themselves! Literacy was a component of this camp, even ponies like to be read to! They created their own little books to read at the end of the week. While we did that, Skills Campers prepared for and tested their Equine Canada English Exams and Riding Competencies test. Best wishes to our future coaches who went through this program; you all did awesome!!



Adult Therapeutic Camp

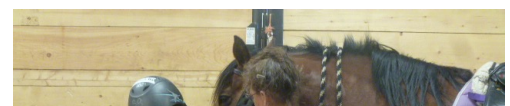
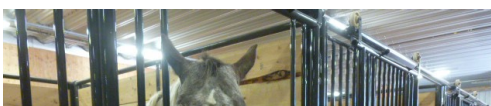


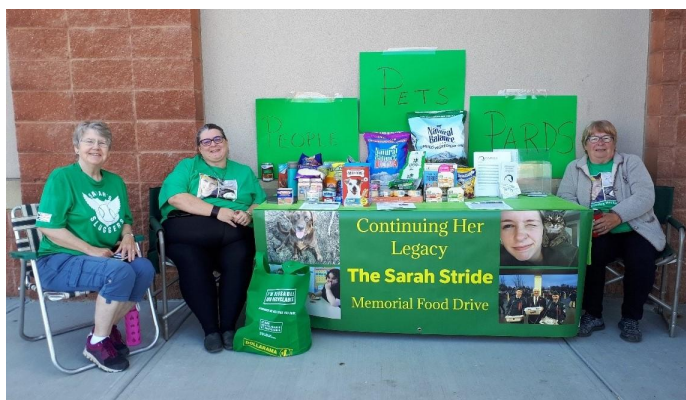
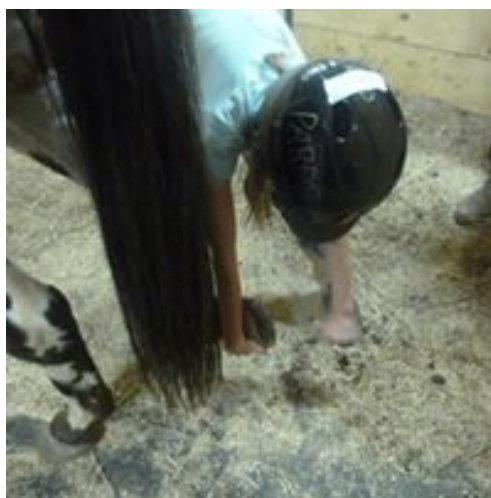
PARDS offers an Adult Therapeutic Camp where participants either ride, drive our mini cart or our full sized cart where our Equine partner Holly is in the lead. Barn and horsemanship lessons were tailored to include all participants learning styles and abilities. They learned about horse care, completed arts and crafts and spent time socializing with other campers.

Youth Day Camp

For youth ages 6 to 14 we held 4 weeks of our Inclusive Youth Day Camps to combine groups of youth of all abilities to gain riding, horse care, tacking and barn maintenance skills needed for possible horse ownership. We model our camps based on Equestrian Canada's P'tit Trot Program. Equestrian Canada (EC) is the national governing body for equestrian sport and industry in Canada. Riders worked through and work booklet throughout the week covering theory, safety, barn management, saddlery, nutrition, horse habits and stable maintenance. The workbooks used reading and writing skills, preparing many for another school year. We combined fun games as learning tools such as Headband, Horse Jeo"*PARDS'y*, Arts and crafts were a part of the day; campers completed a natural horse habitat, tie dyed t-shirts and created sand molded keepsakes. By the end of the week each student had bonded with their assigned horses and maneuvered an obstacle course ride for friends and family displaying the skills they had acquired during their week at camp and some even trotted home after completing the barrel racing part of the course! Campers, instructors, family and friends rounded of the week together with a bbq and stories of the week!

Our instructors have been evaluating the weeks and are already begun to create new ideas and adventures for another exciting year!





In Loving Memory

In memory of Sarah Stride a fundraiser was held on August 30 & 31, in her honour. Sarah's family choose to remember her by supporting causes she was passionate about, including the Salvation Army Food Bank, In the Woods Animal Rescue and PARDS. Donations of food were raised for both people and pets, as well as \$559.95 in support of PARDS therapeutic programs.

Pictured are Sarah's Aunts Leslie Scantland and Tammy Coulter and her Grandmother Janet Sarmaga.

Thank you to Sarah's Family and to all who donated in her memory.

2019/2020 REGISTRATION

Registration for all PARDS programs is now available online at www.pards.ca

For a list and overview of all our programs and registration, please click on

[Program Information](#)

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