

WESTOVER NEWS



Happy Birthday!

Be sure to wish these clubbers a "Happy Birthday" the next time you see them.

Emily Outerbridge-December 20

Leah Steinke-December 22

Emma Steinke-January 2

Jacklyn Brown-January 13

Georgia Bermingham Cross-January 29

Are you ready for Quiz?

Believe it or not, Regional Quiz is just around the corner, and it's time to start getting prepared! Try out the questions below to test your knowledge.

1. Cribbing, chewing and weaving are all stable _____
2. True or False: A hot and sweaty pony must never be allowed to gulp cold water _____
3. 2 breeds of ponies are: a) Clydesdale, Percheron
b) Thoroughbred, Morgan
c) Shetland, Welsh
4. List 2 reasons to groom your pony _____
5. True or False: Roughage is bulky food like grass or hay _____
6. Should stall doors open inwards or outwards? _____



Beginner Badges

You can earn badges in your pony club by completing certain tasks. The above badge is the "I love my pony" badge, and can be earned by doing the following:

Make up an identity card including the pony's name, height, gender and age, and your name, age and branch. The card can be done on card stock and decorated with stickers, markers, etc., plus a picture of your pony.

The "colours and markings" badge (picture below) can be earned by creating a booklet using cutouts from old horse magazines. This booklet should contain at least five different colours, four face markings, and three leg markings.



More information about the badges can be found on the Canadian Pony Club Website under CPC store. The next Westover Badge night will be held on February 2nd.

7. What is the correct term for a pony's coat that has large irregular patches of white and any other colour than black?

8. A pony lame on his front leg will _____ his head when he steps on the sore leg (drop, lift)

9. How many gallons of water does a pony need each day? a) 2-6
 b) 8-12
 c) 14-18
 d) 20-24

10. Name 3 symptoms of a horse with colic _____

Check your answers on page 3.

You can take a virtual test on the Westover website under the "Quiz Prep" section. Select a category, and don't forget to submit your answers! See you on March 29!



Upcoming Dates

Badge Night February 2
March 2
April 6

Regional Quiz March 29

Answers

1. Vices
2. True
3. C
4. To clean him and make him feel comfortable, check over for injury or skin problems, prevent sores under tack, condition skin and make coat shine, promote good circulation of blood.
5. True
6. Outwards
7. Skewbald
8. Lift
9. B
10. Uncomfortable, restless, stretching out, pawing or kicking at belly, sweating, getting up and down frequently, heart rate, breathing, and temperature elevated.



On October 19, our pony club had the pleasure of visiting the Morrison Standardbred farm. We were taught about the different methods for training these horses and learned about the sport of Standardbred racing. Afterwards, we all gathered around the track in the rain and the cold, and took turns jumping into the cart and getting a ride. Above are Jacklyn and Aidan taking a spin.

On November 3, our club got a visit from Walt Alzner again, this time for a longeing clinic. Using a very smelly Beau and a not as smelly Dixie as examples, we were taught about gaining respect from your horse and tips and techniques. Afterwards, some volunteers got a try at lunging. Below, Walt handles a tricky situation.



Breed Focus: Fjord



Origin: Norway

Breed Characteristics: strongly built, dun coat (one of the 5 recognized shades: brown dun, red dun, grey, white dun, yellow dun), primitive markings, mane usually roached. 13.1-14.3 hh. White markings are discouraged, although a small star is acceptable. Dark hooves and some feathering.

Temperament: The Fjord is a very mild-tempered breed. They are kind and willing.

Uses: The fact that the Fjord breed is light and agile yet strong enough to do heavy work makes them a very versatile breed. They excel at driving, but are also used for endurance, dressage, jumping and therapeutic riding, among other things.

Fun Fact: The Fjord is one of the world's oldest and purest breeds of horse. The ancestors of the modern Fjord horse were domesticated over 4,000 years ago.

Rider Profile

Name: Faith Duncombe

Age: 8

Favourite Horse: Jagger (Registered Name: Jag-A-Mat)

Favourite Riding Memory: Doing her first crossrail course on Jagger at a schooling show at the Reach Centre in Clinton in 2013 and winning Best Turned Out at the Canada Day London Horsemanship Show in 2013.

Goal for 2014: Learning how to jump Summer and have lots of fun with Pony Club.



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