



Regina Therapeutic Riding Association Update

The fall of 2011 was a time of adjustment and growth for the Regina Therapeutic Riding Association. We ended the summer with a barbecue at Setting Sun Stables to celebrate our numerous volunteers and their many contributions to RTRA. Approximately 45 people attended our celebration. The weather was beautiful, and a great time was had by all, particularly those who dared venture into the water play area!

Although we ended the summer on high note, fall quickly became a time of revitalization for RTRA. We are sad to report that our instructor, Catherine Sneath, resigned her position in September. The fall session was suspended as we rebuilt the program. RTRA is working hard to start a new session as soon as possible.

In October, RTRA acquired a new horse, Buck. Buck has been enjoying life at Setting Sun Stables as he and Blue gear up for the next session of lessons. Buck has a gentle and sweet disposition, and has quickly become a valued member of the RTRA family.

On Oct. 31st, we held our Annual General Meeting. Sadly, three board members resigned due to other commitments. However, we have two new board members who are currently learning the ropes. Victoria Sutherland brings her passion for animals and her strong educational background in human kinetics and therapeutic recreation to the board. Terry Renwick brings a wealth of experience from a variety of boards of directors in Regina. As of Nov. 10th, John Van Koll has stepped into the role of president.

On November 1st, we hired a new instructor, Dana Zubko! Dana is a certified riding instructor and she is working towards her CanTRA certification. She completed the University of Guelph's Equine Science program, and she is currently training to be a coach with Equine Canada. Dana volunteered with the Yorkton Therapeutic Riding Association for five years. As a result, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to RTRA, and she is very excited to build the program.



In November, Dana held two volunteer training sessions. These sessions went very well as a number of familiar and new volunteers got a chance to meet each other, Dana, Buck, and Blue. We are still in need of volunteers to help our lessons run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at reginatra.sasktel.net. No previous experience is required! We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of RTRA as we undergo our program revitalization. We look forward to welcoming students, parents, and volunteers back to Setting Sun Stables in 2012.