



CanTRA 45th Anniversary Conference “Equine Educational Excellence”

Conference Presenters

Friday May 2, 2025

Pippa Hodge- BSc Rehab, HPCS, AHA Faculty Member, CanTRA Coach/Examiner
“Setting Rider Goals to Accomplish Great Outcomes”
Lecture at Crieff followed by Practical Demonstration of Lecture Session at Sunrise

Panel Discussion Members/Q&A

JoAnn Thompson Franklin- PT, EFW Credentialling Review Panel Coordinator

Margaret Rigby- CanTRA Coach/Examiner, Certification Chair

Pippa Hodge- BSc Rehab, HPCS, AHA Faculty Member, CanTRA Coach/Examiner

Andrea Gow- SLP (Non-practicing), reg. CASLPO

Andrea has many years experience working with children in the school system, in addition to her experience with Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre. Recently retired, Andrea will share from her considerable experience.

Dr Steven Mock, Professor at University of Waterloo in Recreation & Leisure Studies. Previously certified EC Coach, dressage judge. Helped run a TR program in the 1990's in Northumberland County, ON. Riding instructor at Cornell University Equestrian Centre during graduate school.

"Closing the gap between TR and Para Equestrian Sport"

With- **Marley Crosby** Competition Coach Specialist, FEI Grade V rider 2023

Competed with horse Arpeggio (owned by Steven Mock) 2023, 2024 in national level para classes.

Tour of OVC

Space for 30 delegates- two groups of 15- register early to reserve your spot!

All other delegates (not attending OVC)

Patsy Marshall- B.A.Sc., MSc

“Personality Dimensions”- Fun interactive session, discovering individual personalities to build stronger team dynamics

Interactive session at Crieff before first dinner seating

Delegates from OVC tour will attend second dinner seating

After dinner activities

- Examiners meeting at The Pines
- Informal Volunteer Meeting discussing Recruitment, Retention & Recognition- led by Lynne O’Brien (Volunteer Manager and present TR Executive Director), and Fiona Ryder (Instructor and Volunteer Coordinator with experience at two Therapeutic Riding Centres)- sign up for this interactive session, share ideas and learn from each other
- Informal Fundraiser Meeting- bring your ideas and learn from one another about successful outcomes- led by Ann Caine (50 years fundraising experience), and additional leader.

- Late night fire pit- weather dependent

Saturday May 3, 2025

Scott Haller- BSc Honours, degree in Osteopathy from the Canadian Academy of Osteopathy & Holistic Health Science, President and Lead Instructor of SHIFT Concussion Management

“Exploring the Many Implications of Concussion”

Lecture- all delegates

Leslie Kennedy- International Diploma in Equine Osteopathy, Int’l DipAO, MastersonMethod® Certified Equine Practitioner/Instructor, MMCP- "Beyond Horse Massage". Accomplished EC/USEF dressage judge, with the following credentials: EC Senior Dressage Judge & Para Judge, USEF Senior Dressage Judge, EC Senior Dressage Steward, F.E.I 1* Dressage Steward, EC Para Steward, WSDAC Western Dressage Judge. Certified coach through British Horse Society in addition to Equestrian Canada Coach. Leslie is a professional certified equine bodywork practitioner specializing in restoring whole equine body balance and muscle symmetry. Non-invasive, complementary and integrated bodywork therapy, designed to keep your horse performing in optimal balance both physically and mentally.

Jeff Tiessen- DTN President and Publisher, CanTRA Advisory Council Member, Paralympic Athlete

“Disability Literacy 101”- explores Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from the viewpoint of the person with a Disability.

Informed by 45 years of lived experience and 30+ in business, Disability Today specializes in diversity and inclusion education through print, digital and video publishing and production. "Diversity and inclusion are fortified by authenticity in design and desire... confidence over hesitance, approachability over responsibility, intention over legislation”.

Tools to Improve Therapeutic Riding Mounting and Dismounting Skills

Inclusive of mounting and dismounting from a walker & wheelchair- focus on examination requirements

Presented by:

Margaret Rigby- CanTRA Coach/Examiner, Certification Chair

Camilla Giffin- EC Competition Coach Specialist, EC Dressage Judge, CTRII

Suzy Bender- EC Competition Coach, CanTRA Coach/Examiner

JoAnn Thompson Franklin- Physiotherapist

Mike St. Denis- Previous Equestrian Eventing Competitor

Now a participant in a therapeutic riding program- Mike will share his story

Banquet at the Delta Hotel, Guelph

Silent Auction, Gift Card Game and Marketplace

Marketplace featuring:

Leather Care Products- Christian Lowe

Handcrafted Angels Fundraising Project- Leena Kimso “All Through the House”

Educational Materials, Equine Guelph- Gayle Ecker, Director of Equine Guelph

Innovative SLP Ideas- Andrea Gow

CanTRA Educational Materials and Merchandise Sales

Video Message from CanTRA Honorary Director, Ian Millar (Captain Canada)

Sunday May 4, 2025

Christian Lowe- Saddle repair and technical support specialist

"The Importance of Correct Saddle Fitting"

One of Canada's premier saddlers with extensive knowledge and experience with French saddle repair, modification and fitting. Also, the manufacturer and developer of Christian Lowe Leather Care products.

Q&A encouraged during this session

Madeline Boast- MSc. Equine Nutrition

"Practical Nutrition for the Mature Horse"

Recognizing Nutritional Needs with Inexpensive Solutions

Madeline Boast is an independent equine nutritionist based in Ontario, Canada. With a passion for improving equine well-being, she began her educational journey with a bachelor's degree in equine management at the University of Guelph. During this degree her beloved mare Piper struggled with weight loss after an injury which heightened her interest in nutrition. This led Madeline to pursue a master's degree in equine nutrition at the University of Guelph. Upon completion of her master's degree she launched Balanced Bay, a full-service equine nutrition consulting company dedicated to working one-on-one with the horse owner to curate optimal, personalized nutrition plans that are practical to implement.

Gayle Ecker- Director of Equine Guelph

"A Journey through the Horse's Gut"

Gayle is the Director of Equine, Guelph and played an instrumental role in its birth and ongoing development as a Centre for the horse owner at the University of Guelph. She has dedicated her energies to advancing the equine industry through education and communications on health, welfare and safety.

Interactive and informative Session