



CanTRA ACET 40 Years Of Leadership

May 29-31, 2020, The Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA), is hosting its national conference “Celebrating 40 Years of Leadership” at Olds College, Olds, AB.

This conference will focus on continued education, with updates to certification, for CanTRA certified instructors and those interested in pursuing that calling. We have professional presenters confirmed in all three of CanTRA’s flagship programs in equine assisted therapies:

- **Hippotherapy:** Pippa Hodge, over 35 years of certifications and experience in applied hippotherapy as a physiotherapist & CanTRA Coach and examiner as well as guest presenter across the globe.
- **Therapeutic Riding:** Tegwyn Harper, pulls an array of experience from Human Sports Body Massage Therapist; CanTRA Coach and Examiner; Rider Bio-Mechanics Level #2 and 2015 International Bio-Mechanics Coach of the Year and applies it all to instructing therapeutic riding and protecting the horses used in these programs.
- **Equine Facilitated Wellness (EFW):** Tricia Mellor, over 15 years of experience with her masters in Social Work, currently working as a mental health clinician focused on children & youth and their families as well as running an EFW private practice as a CanTRA II.

Katlyn Wildfang, is currently involved at Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre in their Equine Facilitated Wellness (EFW) Program working with Tricia Mellor. Katlyn is a CTRBI and equine professional a EFW EQP-B

- **Para dressage:** Jane James level two and an Equestrian Canada Senior Dressage Steward. Jane has been a member of stewarding teams at 2 Paralympic Games and 4 World Championships as well as numerous FEI level international competitions. Jane is an active CanTRA Coach/Examiner.
- **EquiPurina: Heather MacInnis** top-ranked hunter/jumper competitor and Coach, Cargill/Purina Nutrition Consultant.



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Our local CanTRA member centre, Mount View Special Riding Association, will be our hosts for the conference and are pleased to provide their volunteers in facilitating this event.

By developing and expanding the knowledge of instructors and program managers, this conference will give a “leg up” to thousands of riders with diverse abilities participating in quality equine-assisted therapy programs across Canada.

If you require any further information or have any questions. I would be happy to assist you or you can direct your inquiries to Brenda Coward in the CanTRA office, ctr@golden.net or 519-767-0700.