



Pippa Hodge Physiotherapist

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British Horse Society. Assistant Instructor.
Hippotherapy Clinical Specialist. (2006) HPCS.
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Examiner with Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association. CanTRA.
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CanTRA Medical committee
President of Hippotherapy Canada
Founder Member of the American Hippotherapy Association. AHA.

Pippa attended a course in Wilbad, Germany in 1987 and help develop the AHA curriculum and manuals. She is on faculty with AHA.
She has been involved with horse's since childhood and with pony club in the UK.
She owns a Baska Curly Horse and enjoys trail riding in the mountains of the Pemberton Valley B.C. She is a director with Back Country Horsemen, Pemberton,B.C.

Pippa was a founder member of Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association in Langley, Canada since 1983 and has a Hippotherapy practice at VTEA.

Pippa has lectured in Hippotherapy and Therapeutic Riding in Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, UK and Greece.
Her video "Analysis of Horse Human Movement" in 1997 won first prize at the second Festivle du Film Handi Cheval in France.
Pippa currently works at VTEA, with infants and babies at the Upper Fraser Child Development Center in Chilliwack and for First Nations at the Southern Stl'atl'imx Health Society and in N'quatqua, B.C.



Tegwyn Harper

Tegwyn Harper-Human Sports Body Massage Therapist; International Coach; Equine Canada Certified Coach; CanTRA Coach and Examiner; Rider Bio-Mechanics Level #2 and 2015 International Bio-Mechanics Coach of the Year. Tegwyn grew up in the UK, riding horses for clients from a young age. In 1995 she began coaching off her own property and horses. She specialized in eventing, show jumping and hunting, as well as training horses for her clients. She had an industrious career, and a few star studded moments including the Duke and Lady of Rutland at Beaver Castle in Lincolnshire!

In 2007, Teg and her family emigrated to Canada, and set up on a lovely farm in Black Creek. With her 2 quarter horses, Teg had planned a quiet retirement. Like all well made plans, that quickly fell apart! Teg found herself drawn to therapeutic riding, and discovered a passion for bringing The Comox Valley Therapeutic Riding Society up to date and a part of the CanTRA family. In 2008 Teg achieved her SI certification, and helped bring CVTRS to accreditation.

In 2012 Teg, who had always had a life long interest and novice involvement in rider bio-mechanics, began her formal studies with Colleen Kelley. In 2015, Teg won the prestigious International Bio-Mechanics Coach of the Year award in Kentucky, USA.

Teg is now the Head Instructor at The Comox Valley Therapeutic Riding Society, and continues to coach privately around Northern Vancouver Island, specializing in Rider Bio-Mechanics and Rider Fundamentals. "It is the grassroots teaching that matters. Bio-Mechanics makes you aware of your body and how it can affect your horse. This is essential to therapeutic riding, as our horses are the backbone of every Society."



Jane James, CanTRA Coach and Examiner, Para dressage Steward

Jane joined CanTRA in 1991 and is a Life Member. She was the Founder of the Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA) in Duncan, BC and retired in 2007 after 22 years. As a CanTRA Coach and Examiner, she has been closely involved in the development of the CanTRA Certification system and has been on the CanTRA Board for a total of 14 years; 6 years as President and several years on the Advisory Council. She is currently Treasurer and a member of the Certification and Finance Committees.

In 1996, Jane was appointed Canadian Chef d'Equipe for the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, the first Paralympic Games to include the equestrian sport of Dressage. She continued in that position until the conclusion of the Athens Paralympic Games in 2004. With the inclusion of Para Equestrian as a sport discipline of Equestrian Canada, Jane has served on the Para-Dressage Committee, as well as the High Performance, Coaching and Classification committees. She has completed various projects to develop Para Equestrian sport in Canada.

When Jane's position as Team Chef d'Equip came to an end, she became interested in Stewarding for Para-dressage and has pursued that avenue since 2007. Jane is currently an FEI

Para-dressage steward, Level two and an Equestrian Canada Senior Dressage Steward. She 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 still active as a CanTRA Coach/Examiner and volunteers as a leader/side walker at CTRA.



Tricia Mellor

Tricia Mellor is a mental health clinician with Student Support and Program Services at the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) where she works with school teams throughout the board to address the needs of complex students. Prior to her employment with the UGDSB, Tricia spent eight years as a children's mental health clinician with children's mental health services at the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA-WW). Tricia also has a private practice, Open Spaces Equine Facilitated Wellness (EFW), run in partnership with Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre in Puslinch, ON. She has over fifteen years of experience working with children, youth and families experiencing various mental health concerns (including post-traumatic stress disorder, attachment difficulties, anxiety, depression and ADHD), learning disabilities and developmental disabilities. Tricia is a certified Intermediate Instructor (CTR II) through the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) and sits on the CanTRA Board of Directors, as well as the CanTRA EFW Committee. Tricia holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Wilfrid Laurier University and is registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW).