

**‘THE CANADIAN’  
RIDE OR DRIVE  
Your WALKER  
PROGRAM**



**A VOLUNTARY AND PUBLIC RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT**

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**CANADIAN REGISTRY  
OF THE  
TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE**

# CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

The Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse (the Registry) was incorporated under the Livestock Pedigree Act (Animal Pedigree Act) at the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa Canada in 1982. People using the services of the Registry must not only abide by the rules and regulations of the Registry, but also the rules and regulations of the Animal Pedigree Act.

Although a member association with an elected Board of Directors, all Registry work is subcontracted to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The Board sets the direction for the Registry, but is not involved in the day to day work regarding the registration or transfer of horses. In addition, full membership is available only to those who own a TWH registered in the Registry.

## **Objects of CRTWH according to the CRTWH Constitution**

- to establish standards of breeding and to develop and maintain a system of identification and registration for purebred Tennessee Walking Horses through the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".
- to encourage ongoing improvement in the quality of the Tennessee Walking Horse.
- to co-operate and co-ordinate with other Breed Associations and agriculture groups to develop the interest of the Light Horse Industry of Canada for domestic and international markets.
- to promote the Tennessee Walking Horse as a versatile breed by promoting the Tennessee Walking Horse for general family enjoyment; to foster friendship, good-will and understanding between Tennessee Walking Horse owners; and to establish a friendly accord between the Association members, the public, and other Tennessee Walking Horse Association.

## **MISSION, VALUES AND VISION**

**Our Mission:** To register and record purebred Tennessee Walking Horses, both in Canada and internationally, with accuracy and integrity. We are dedicated to preserving the historical attributes of the breed, while encouraging ongoing improvement in the quality of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

**Our Values:** To foster the respectful and humane treatment of Tennessee Walking Horses through increased public awareness and education, and to encourage the enhancement of each animal's natural gait through good horsemanship.

**Our Vision:** We envision riders of all ages, in all applicable disciplines, having the opportunity to appreciate the smooth ride, strong build and mild disposition of the Canadian registered Tennessee Walking Horse.

# **‘THE CANADIAN’ RIDE/DRIVE YOUR WALKER PROGRAM**

‘The Canadian’ Ride/Drive Your Walker Program was introduced at the 2007 AGM. It is the third section of a comprehensive program, ‘The Canadian Triple Challenge’, introduced to replace ‘The Canadian’ Futurity. It provides advantages to supporters of the Canadian registered TWH. Participation is voluntary and available to all CRTWH members/owners with horses registered in the Canadian Registry of the TWH. No section of ‘The Canadian Triple Challenge’ (Program for Excellence, Training Level Challenge, or Ride/Drive Your Walker Program requires any change to current CRTWH registration requirements. Ride/Drive Your Walker has been revised for 2011.

The Ride/Drive Your Walker Program recognizes the value of the Canadian Registered Tennessee Walking Horse as a valued partner in recreational riding (saddle or bareback) or driving activities. It encourages owners of Canadian Registered Tennessee Walking Horses to document the hours of enjoyment spent with their horses. It recognizes the importance of the TWH in leisure activities and promotes the Canadian Registered Tennessee Walking Horse as a “stress reliever”.

Beginning in 2012 the Alternative Division is added to the Ride/Drive Program. The CRTWH recognizes that there is more to horsemanship or horse ownership than riding a horse. Changes in the world of horses and changes in the demographics of those owning horses dictates that the ways of interacting with horses must also change over time. The quote attributed to Winston Churchill, “there is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man” is still true today, and can be applied to different ways of being with horses. During the last 15 years there has been a change in the way people interact with horses, a change in the people who own horses, and an expansion of the reasons that people own horses. The Ride/Drive program is expanded to include other disciplines that recognize the relationship between the horse and the human that do not necessarily involve riding or driving. It recognizes the place the horse can play in enhancing personal development through the alternative activities of agility, liberty, and trick training.

The basic CRTWH premise of Agility, Liberty, and Trick Training, is that in the relationship between horse and human, the horse is always treated with dignity and respect. The work on or off line is not intended to show dominance by man or the superiority of man to horse, but a respectful partnership between the horse and the human working together to achieve a goal. The safety of both horse and human is always a prime consideration.

## **Agility**

Horse agility can best be described by the following:

“A discipline and internationally competitive sport in which horse and handler, both on foot, navigate a course of obstacles while focusing on clear communication and positive horsemanship” *Les Kiger USA Horse Agility Accredited Trainer*

Horse agility is accomplished on-line or off-line. Agility is conducted over and through obstacles. Agility can be training for competition or recreational fun.

## **Trick Training**

The CRTWH purpose of trick training is to enhance the beauty and dignity of the horse. One result of trick training is the development of a trusting relationship between horse and human. It also builds confidence in the horse while developing the balance,

musculature, and athletic ability of the horse. The CRTWH believes that proper trick training does not put the horse in any undignified situation as the brunt of a joke or as the disrespected fall guy or an unwilling participant. The dignity of the horse must always be preserved and respected.

### **Liberty**

The goal of Liberty training is the ultimate connection between horse and human where the horse chooses to stay actively engaged without restraint. It is the ultimate freedom and communication between the human and the horse where the horse chooses to stay with the human without the restraint of ropes or fences. Liberty Training is not ground work before a ride, nor is it lunging. Liberty training is a journey that begins on line in an enclosed space, always with the ultimate goal, whether achievable or not, of being off line in an open space. Liberty is a test of horsemanship skills which reveals the truth in the relationship between horse and human.

The Ride Your Walker program has few requirements. To participate in the program, you are asked to record the number of hours you spend riding your horse or working with your horse at Agility, Liberty or Trick Training as defined above. You may register or re-enroll for 1 year or three years at a time.

### **Logging hours**

The fee for the Ride/Drive Program covers the fee for both Divisions - Ride/Drive and Alternative Division of Agility, Trick Training, and Liberty. A person may log hours in either or both divisions but must keep track of which division the hours were logged in. All hours will be recognized. Patches will be sent to participants after formal recognition of achievement during the Annual General Meeting.

### **RULES OF ENTRY**

1. To participate, the horse must be registered with CRTWH and the rider/driver/handler must be a current CRTWH member.
2. To participate, the current owner must be the owner of record on the CRTWH papers, or the rider/handler must have borrowed or leased the horse from the owner of record.
3. The Ride/Drive Program is continuous and recognizes hours spent riding, driving or in alternative activities on an annual basis
4. The Ride/Drive Program is cumulative from year to year provided re-enrollment occurs.
5. Participation may be with one horse or multiple horses.
6. Hours will be recognized on an annual basis through yearly patches. Awards (hourly patches) are given to the rider/driver/ handler for number of hours spent with the horse.
7. Special 1000 hour award - a cumulative award presented every 1000 hours from initial registration in the program.
8. The Ride/Drive Your Walker program begins January 1 of the first year of enrollment but entries are accepted at any time.
9. Enrollment or re-enrollment may be for 1 year or 3 years.
10. Upon registration, participants will receive a Ride/Drive "patch" suitable for attaching to jackets, saddle bags etc.
11. Awards will be recognized at the Annual General Meeting of

CRTWH and will be publicly recognized on the CRTWH website, Facebook, Walking Horse News and in the Canadian Walker. In order to be recognized at the AGM, records should be submitted to CRTWH by March 1.

12. The Ride/Drive Program is cumulative from year to year provided re-enrollment occurs.

### **STANDARDS**

1. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate. In the future, rule changes may be imposed and fees may change.
2. Every horse currently registered or in the process of being registered in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse is eligible to participate.
3. CRTWH reserves the right to change or modify "The Canadian" Ride Your Walker. Change or modification will not be instituted without notice to all members of CRTWH. Notification of change will be given in advance of the proposed change.

### **FEEES**

A fee schedule for 'The Canadian' Ride/Drive Your Walker has been established. Fees have been kept to a minimum. Fees may change from time to time. See the Entry Form for current fees

### **LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND AWARDS**

When entry fees are received into the Ride/Drive Program, each participant will receive an official CRTWH Ride/Drive "patch" suitable for attaching to a jacket, hat or saddlebag.

<b>LEVELS</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>
<b>BRONZE AWARD</b>	<b>0 TO 99 HOURS ANNUALLY</b>
<b>SILVER AWARD</b>	<b>100 TO 499 HOURS ANNUALLY</b>
<b>GOLD AWARD</b>	<b>500 TO 999 HOURS ANNUALLY</b>
<b>PLATINUM AWARD</b>	<b>Awarded for 1000 hours accumulated from registration in the program</b>

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