



## THE CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE



is pleased to congratulate

### CENTURY PARTNERS LES ZAHARICHUK & HOT RUM TODDY



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A perfectly matched pair, they have made it to Century Partners in 2024. With 101 years between them, they are a shining example of our animals mirroring our selves.

Toddy and Les have been fearless leaders on too many trail rides to count. Toddy remains placid and stoic no matter what the obstacles may be, trusting completely in Les' guidance and judgement. This calm confidence is a trait we appreciate and admire in Les as well. His wisdom and patience as an AWWHA board member has set the bar very high regarding how we approach items for discussion, how to interact with one another, and most importantly, the importance of maintaining a sense of humour through it all.

Born in 2000 (the horse that is. We won't calculate where that puts Les' birthdate...) Toddy and Les have been together since 2001. We all understand the depth of a relationship like that, the feelings that are difficult to put into words. It's a gift most precious to share this bond with a horse.

Les and Toddy have put those years to good use. They have been a showcase partnership at numerous parades and equine events such as the Calgary Stampede, various breed exhibitions and of course, millions of Facebook posts! Les is a 'Yes Man' to almost any adventure, clinic, ride, or social gathering. If it's happening, he will be there. Many times if Toddy wasn't available, Les picked up a friend or two in his truck and showed up to visit around the campfire anyway.

I have fond memories of a trip to Sandy McNabb that Les organized. He was a bit nervous about hosting, as we all are, hoping the group enjoys the trails as much as you do yourself. His fears were groundless. It was a beautiful trip. The scenery was incredible, the weather beautiful, and if you timed it right, you even got to enjoy one of Les' made to order breakfasts. (We kinda felt we earned that breakfast though, having followed Les and Toddy as they went without hesitation over a few treacherous steps along the cliff coming home.)



We would be remiss to celebrate Les and Toddy without mentioning the *carrot cake*. This cake is so amazing that heated battles have been fought over it! And I'm sure Toddy gets a special carrot treat each time that batter is made.

Les and Toddy are a well matched pair. The joy they share in each other is obvious when you see them together. This Century Partnership award is a fitting celebration of the joy our horses bring. There's something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a man, so said Winston Churchill. Les is a man who is good on the inside and out, and we couldn't be happier for him and Toddy to reach this milestone together.

*Tanya Johnston*

