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**‘THE CANADIAN’
TRAINING LEVELS**



**A VOLUNTARY, PERMANENT AND PUBLIC RECORD OF
ACHIEVEMENT**

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**CANADIAN REGISTRY
OF THE
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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) of 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, the Registry subcontracts all work 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' TRAINING LEVELS

'The Canadian' Training Levels was introduced at the 2007 AGM. Combined with 'The Canadian' Program for Excellence and 'The Canadian' Ride/Drive/Alt Program, it completes 'The Canadian' Triple Challenge. 'The Canadian' Triple Challenge is a comprehensive program replacing 'The Canadian' Futurity. Participation is voluntary and available to all CRTWH members/owners with horses registered in the Canadian Registry of the TWH. Current Standard for Registration and Rules of Entry remain in effect.

At all Training Levels minimum ages have been established.

All Entries must successfully complete the Basic Skills In Hand before they are eligible to challenge any of the Levels.

Basic Skills Minimum age 6 months or 12 months or 18 months			
Horsemanship Level 1 Minimum age 39 months	Trail Riding Level 1 Minimum age 39 months	Driving Level 1 Minimum age 24 months	Extended Trail or Horse Camping Minimum age 5 years
Horsemanship Level 2 Minimum age 48 months	Trail Riding Level 2 Minimum age 39 months	Driving Level 2 Minimum age 36 months	Extended Trail or Horse Camping Minimum age 6 years
Horsemanship Level 3 Minimum age 54 months	Trail Riding Level 3 Minimum age 54 months	Driving Level 3 Minimum age 48 months	Extended Trail or Horse Camping Minimum age 7 years
Optional Activity – must be approved Minimum age 48 months		Public Promotion Of your CRTWH Horse	

Basic Skills

+ Horsemanship Level 3

+ Trail Riding Level 3 and Driving Level 3

OR

+ Trail Riding Level 3 + either Driving Level 3 or approved optional activity

OR

Trail Riding Level 3 + either Level 3 Driving or Extended Trail/Horse Camping

+

+ Public Promotion of your CRTWH horse

+

+ Gold Award in Program for Excellence

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The Ultimate Canadian Horse

EVALUATIVE

- 1 Depending upon the Level, evaluation will be through:
 - Electronic transmission.
 - Documentation from an official equine body or judging organization.
 - Live performance in front of an audience.
- 2 Entries will be evaluated against a standard of achievement or training
- 3 Credit will be given for positive achievement and penalty for negative achievement.
- 4 Behavior deemed dangerous or abusive for horse or handler/rider will result in disqualification.

STANDARDS

- 1 In the future maximum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed.
- 2 Every horse currently registered or eligible for registration in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse is eligible to participate in 'The Canadian' Training Levels.
- 3 CRTWH reserves the right to change or modify 'The Canadian' Training Levels. Change or modification will not be instituted without notice to all members of CRTWH. Notification of change will be given at least one year in advance of the proposed change. Any change will be publicly advertised.
- 4 Standards of achievement for each Award will be established and made public.
- 5 Standards of achievement are established by people with knowledge of horses in general and of the Tennessee Walking Horse in particular.
- 6 Each Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation returned to the owner.
- 7 All Awards are achievement awards. They are pass/fail awards with no distinction for ranking.
- 8 Each task must be successfully completed for a Level to be successfully completed.

FEES

A fee schedule has been established. Fees have been kept to a minimum and reflect a cost recovery principle. Fees may change from time to time. See the Entry Form for current fees (Appendix 5)

RECOGNITION OF LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT OR TRAINING

- 1 Upon the successful completion of the requirements for each Level of Achievement or Training, a certificate reflecting the achievement will be issued by CRTWH.
- 2 This record of Achievement or Training will become a permanent and public record.
- 3 Upon completion of the requirements for the Ultimate Award, the Award will be recorded on the Registration papers issued by CRTWH.
- 4 All Training Level Awards are based upon evaluation at the time of submission. CRTWH cannot guarantee that the animal will perform the same way in the future as it did in the past.

TASKS AND AWARDS

- 1 Tasks/ Standard of Achievement relative to each Level have been established.
- 2 Included as supplements to this document are Tasks/Standards of Achievement for
 - Basic Skills In Hand In Hand
 - Horsemanship Levels 1 – 3
 - Trail Riding Levels 1 – 3
 - Driving Levels 1 – 3
 - Extended Trail or Horse Camping levels 1 - 3
 - Optional Activities – must be approved by CRTWH
 - 'The Canadian' Ultimate Horse
- 3 All horses registered in CRTWH and owned by a CRTWH member are eligible.
- 4 It is not necessary the horse be ridden by the registered owner.

- 5 When an Entry satisfies the standard of achievement for any Level, the appropriate Award will be granted and recorded.
- 6 All Awards are achievement awards. They are pass/fail awards with no distinction for ranking.
- 7 **See Appendix 6 for Specific Tasks relative to each Award.**

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

- 1.1 Electronic submission may be on DVD, memory stick or youtube video
- 1.2 Electronic submissions must be formatted as outlined in Guidelines for Electronic Submission. (Appendix 2)
- 1.3 Filming may occur at the home of the Entry or at a Gathering. (See Guidelines for Gatherings Appendix 1).
- 1.4 Filming may be done by an amateur or professional.
- 1.5 Entries may be forwarded to CRTWH at any time. They will be evaluated at the next regular evaluation. **Early evaluation is available at an additional fee of \$10**
- 1.6 All submissions must include:
 - A signed official Entry Form
 - The applicable Entry Fee.
 - A copy of the Registration certificate
 - Electronic submission of the test
- 1.7 Where possible, electronic submissions will be returned to the owner after evaluation. CRTWH will copy all electronic submissions for a permanent record.
- 1.8 Owners are advised to keep a copy of the electronic submission.
- 1.9 **With permission** from the owner of the Entry, CRTWH a video clip may be used by CRTWH that may or may not identify the horse.

GENERAL RULES REGARDING ALL AWARDS

- 1 Appropriate fees must accompany the entry form (see Appendix 5).
- 2 Entry must be registered in CRTWH.
- 3 Entry must be owned by a member of CRTWH.
- 4 Entry may be handled by the current owner or a person designated by the owner.
- 5 Entry forms must be submitted by the current owner of the Entry.
- 6 When electronic submission is appropriate, Entry must be submitted in the format as outlined in Guidelines for Electronic Submission. (See Appendix 2)
- 7 Age is determined by the actual date of birth of the Entry (horse).
- 8 Entries under the age of 36 months must be barefoot.
- 9 Entries over the age of 36 months may be either barefoot or keg shod. Keg shoes are unaltered factory made shoes of the sort normally referred to as a keg shoe. Toe weighted shoes like the Diamond Toe Weight are not permissible. Material in the keg shoe must be of a consistent type. Only clips drawn from the shoe itself are permitted. No additional weight can be added to the shoe, nor can anything be welded or added to the shoe. A heeled shoe is permitted but trailers on keg shoes are prohibited. No turned back caulks, only poured caulks on the originally manufactured shoe are allowed.
- 10 Full polyurethane composition shoes with no metal core may be used in place of keg shoes.
- 11 All tack must be serviceable and safe.
- 12 Entries may be forwarded to CRTWH at any time for evaluation at the next regular evaluation. **Early evaluation is available for an additional filing fee of \$10.**
- 13 Submissions must be accompanied by a completed Entry form.
- 14 Submissions must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- 15 Once an Entry is submitted, there will be no refunds.
- 16 Except when electronic evaluation is inappropriate, submissions must be in electronic format. (see Electronic Submission Appendix 2 **OR** instruction for Levels)
- 17 The Evaluation sheet for every Entry will be returned to the owner.
- 18 If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of achievement of training for any Award at any Level, the owner may appeal the result. If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may challenge the Award at a future date. (See Guidelines for Appeal Appendix 4)

BASIC SKILLS IN HAND AWARD

See Appendix 6 for Specific Tasks

- 1 The Basic Skills In Hand Award will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of achievement or training as identified.
- 2 Basic Skills In Hand comprise a series of tasks in hand that must be achieved before the Award is granted.
- 3 An Entry must be 6 months or 12 months or 18 months to challenge the Award.
- 4 In the future maximum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed.
- 5 The horse must be registered in CRTWH and the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
- 6 Any practice deemed unsafe or dangerous or abusive shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of achievement or training for the Basic Skills In Hand Award.
- 7 The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
- 8 The Basic Skills In Hand Award is an achievement award. It is a pass/fail Award with no distinction for ranking.
- 9 The Basic Skills In Hand Award must be achieved before the Entry may apply to participate in any other Level of achievement or training as outlined in all Levels of Horsemanship, Trail Riding, Driving, Extended Trail or Horse Camping or Optional Activities.
- 10 If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of achievement or training for the Basic Skills In Hand Award, the owner may appeal the result. (See Guidelines for Appeal (Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may challenge the Award at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Awards, page 6)

- 11 Entries may enter more than one Award and more than one Level at one time or test period. (See also Request for More than One Level Appendix 3).

HORSEMANSHIP AWARD LEVELS 1 TO 3

See Appendix 6 for Specific Tasks

1. The Basic Skill Award must be achieved before an Entry may enter any Horsemanship Levels.
- 1 Horsemanship Awards at all Levels will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of achievement or training as identified in each Level of Horsemanship
- 2 Horsemanship Awards at all Levels comprise a series of tasks under saddle that must be achieved before any Horsemanship Award is granted.
- 3 An entry must be 39 months of age to enter Level 1. An entry must be 48 months of age to enter Level 2. An entry must be 54 months to enter Level 3. In the future minimum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed for Horsemanship Awards at all Levels.
- 4 To participate in the Levels, the horse must be registered in CRTWH and the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
- 5 Any practice that we deem unsafe or dangerous or abusive shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of achievement or training for Horsemanship Awards at any Level.
- 6 The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
- 7 If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of achievement or training for the Horsemanship Award at any Level, the owner may appeal the result. (See Guidelines for Appeal Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may enter the Award at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Awards, page 6)
- 8 Entries may enter more than one Award Category and more than one Level at one time or test period. See Request for More than One Level Appendix 3).

TRAIL RIDING AWARD LEVELS 1 TO 3

See Appendix 6 for Specific Tasks

1. The Basic Skills In Hand Award must be achieved before an Entry may enter any Trail Riding Levels.
2. Trail Riding Awards at all Levels will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of achievement or training as identified in each Level.
3. Trail Riding Awards at all Levels comprise a series of tasks under saddle that must be achieved before any Trail Riding Award is granted.
4. An entry must be 39 months of age to enter Level 1 and Level 2. An Entry must be 54 months to enter Level 3. In the future minimum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed for Trail Riding Awards at all Levels.
5. The horse must be registered in CRTWH and the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
6. Any practice that we deem unsafe or dangerous or abusive shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of achievement or training for Trail Riding Awards at any Level.
7. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
8. Trail Riding Awards at all Levels are achievement awards. They are pass/fail Awards with no distinction for ranking.
9. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of achievement or training for the Trail Riding Award, at any Level, the owner may appeal the result. (See Guidelines for Appeal Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may retake the test at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Awards, page 6)
10. Entries may enter more than one Award Category and more than one Level at one time or test period. (See also Request for More than One Level Appendix 3).

DRIVING AWARD LEVELS 1 TO 3

See Appendix 6 for Specific Tasks

1. The Basic Skills In Hand Award must be achieved prior to challenging Driving Level 1.
2. Driving Awards at all Levels will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of achievement or training as identified in each Level.
3. Driving Awards at all Levels comprise a series of tasks under harness that must be achieved before any Driving Award is granted.
4. Any practice that we deem unsafe or dangerous or abusive shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of achievement or training for Driving Awards at any Level.
5. An Entry must be 24 months to enter Level 1. Any entry must be 36 months to enter Level 2. An Entry must be 48 months of age to enter Level 3. In the future minimum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed for Driving Awards at all Levels.
6. To participate in the Levels, the horse must be registered in CRTWH and the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
7. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner
8. Driving Awards at all Levels are achievement awards. They are pass/fail Awards with no distinction for ranking.
9. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of achievement or training for the Driving Award at any Level, the owner may appeal the result. (See Guidelines for Appeal Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may enter the Award at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Awards, page 6)
10. Entries may enter more than one Award and more than one Level at one time or test period. (See also Request for More than One Level Appendix 3).

EXTENDED TRAIL or HORSE CAMPING or LIBERTY or OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AWARD LEVELS 1 – 3

See Appendix 6 for Specific Tasks

1. The Basic Skills In Hand Award must be achieved prior to challenging Extended Trail or Horse Camping Level 1.
2. Extended Trail or Horse Camping Awards at all Levels will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of achievement or training as identified in each Level.
3. Extended Trail or Horse Camping Awards at all Levels comprise a series of tasks that must be achieved before any Extended Trail or Horse Camping Award is granted.
4. Any practice that we deem unsafe or dangerous or abusive shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of achievement or training for Extended Trail or Horse Camping at any Level.
5. An Entry must be 5 years to enter Level 1. Any entry must be 6 years of age to enter Level 2. An Entry must be 7 years of age to enter Level 3. In the future minimum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed all Levels.
6. To participate in the Levels, the horse must be registered in CRTWH and the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
7. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner
8. Extended Trail or Horse Camping Awards at all Levels are achievement awards. They are pass/fail Awards with no distinction for ranking.
9. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of achievement or training for the Extended Trail or Horse Camping Award at any Level, the owner may appeal the result. (See Guidelines for Appeal Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may enter the Award at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Awards, page 6)
10. Entries may enter more than one Award and more than one Level at one time or test period. (See also Request for More than One Level Appendix 3).

LIBERTY MODULE

Philosophy

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. 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 CRTWH Training Levels include disciplines that recognize the relationship between horse and human that do not necessarily involve riding or driving – The Training Levels recognize the place the horse can play in enhancing personal development through the alternative activity of liberty.

The purpose of the Training Levels is to evaluate your progress with your horse in the discipline of your choosing. Liberty is no different. This module evaluates your progress with your horse. It is the human’s responsibility to be informed about liberty training. As with other disciplines, there are many practitioners, methods and approaches to both groundwork and liberty. The human is responsible for ensuring adequate knowledge and ability to work with their horse at liberty. Safety of the horse and human is of the utmost importance.

The basic premise of Liberty 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.

General Rules

Safety of horse and human is paramount.

Personal space is of utmost importance for safety. At no time should the horse invade your space. Keep a ‘bubble’ of personal space around you at all times. This personal space bubble is part of your liberty training protocol.

Pre-requisites

- the right attitude.
- study of liberty methods and practitioners
- a fitness level that makes you a good liberty partner for your horse.

Tack and Attire

- Halter -
- 12 foot rope or lead line
- Guiding tool – four foot stick with rope attached or other training aid
- Helmet - recommended
- Flack Jacket – recommended
- Gloves – optional
- **BOOTS OR SAFE FOOTWEAR**

Working Area

Small enclosed space - paddock, pasture or 20 meter round pen

Offline - a big enough fenced space that offers the horse the choice of staying or leaving

Communication: Verbal and/or Body

- Verbal allowed
- The goal is more body language and less verbal
- Be present and be in the moment at all times.
- Treats are optional depending on your training philosophy

The following elements will be used in evaluation. Overall body language is paramount in all elements.

- a. Relationship between horse and human – trusting, respectful, connected, confident, willing partnership, relaxation
- b. Rapport – communication, willingness, working together, partnership, relaxation
- c. Respect – mutual between horse and human, space boundaries established and maintained, relaxation
- d. Overall expression – focused, connected, confident, relaxed and engaged as opposed to bored, unresponsive, aggressive.
- e. Exuberance – enjoyment, joie de vivre on part of horse and human. (Minimal exuberance at level 1, moderate at level 2 and high at level 3)
- f. Technical - the correctness of the technique but overall body language was exaggerated or weak (technical failure), relaxation
- g. Technique - appropriate for the task
- h. Draw – connection of horse to human, relaxation
- i. Drive – response to pressure and body language, relaxation.
- j. Impulsion – balance and forward movement, relaxation
- k. Fluidity –moving as a team without hesitation

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY AWARDS

See Appendix 6 for Specific Tasks

Canadian registered Tennessee Walking Horses participate in Equine activities and disciplines not included in the described Horsemanship, Trail Riding, Driving, Extended Trail or Horse Camping and Liberty.

- 1 An Optional Activity Award will be recognized that demonstrates a Level of achievement or Level of training as officially recognized by the activity or discipline and where the Levels of achievement is considered by the CRTWH to satisfy the expectations of this Program.
- 2 All optional activities must be approved by CRTWH.
- 3 Participation in any Optional Activity prior to age of 48 months will not be recognized.
- 4 The horse must be registered in CRTWH and the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
- 5 Any practice that is deemed unsafe or dangerous or abusive shall mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of achievement or training for an Optional Activity.
- 6 There is no time limit for completion of the requirements for Optional Activities.

Optional Activities include but are not limited to

- Veterinarian supervised Trail Competition including Competitive Trail, Limited Distance or Endurance. Rides must be completed and scored.
- Trail Competition other than Competitive Trail, Limited Distance or Endurance where judged obstacles are combined with a trail ride. (Trail Challenge, ABCTHA etc.) Rides must be completed and scored. A minimum of 4 rides.
- Trail Obstacle Competition (Cowboy Challenge etc.) Must be an official (recognized) Association vent. Runs must be completed and scored. A minimum of 6 runs at 3 different competitions.
- Local Parades without prior entry requirements – minimum of 6. Horse may be ridden or driven
- Large Parades requiring liability insurance and prior commitments – minimum of 3. Horse may be ridden or driven
- Show Ring competition – either traditional TWH classes or open classes. Minimum of 3 shows with at least 3 classes in each show.
- Dressage – either classical or Western or Cowboy. May be virtual or live. A minimum of 3 competitions with a scores over 65%.
- Drill Team – member participant. Minimum of 3 public appearances.
- Obstacle Driving – single or team. Must be completed and scored. Minimum of 3 competitions.
- Cross Country Driving – single or team. Must be completed and scored. Minimum of 3 competitions.
- Three Phase Event – must be completed and scored. Minimum of 3 competitions.
- Liberty Demonstration – live or virtual. Minimum of 3 competitions.
- Agility competition – live or virtual. Minimum of 3 competitions or submissions to an accredited Agility organization.
- Reining – Runs must be completed and scored. Minimum of 3 runs at more than 1 competition.
- Hunter or Jumper Competition – minimum of 3 competitions.
- Cattle Penning – Minimum of 3 competitions.

All Optional Activities must be approved by CRTWH.

The Ultimate Canadian Tennessee Walking Horse Award 2024

The Ultimate Canadian' Tennessee Walking Horse Award is the highest honor granted under 'The Canadian' Triple Challenge. The award will be given to the Canadian registered Tennessee Walking Horse that attains the highest levels in both Breeding (Program for Excellence) and Using (Training Level Challenge) categories. The horse receiving this award has reached the epitome of a Canadian registered Tennessee Walking Horse.

The Ultimate Canadian Tennessee Walking Horse Award will be presented to the Canadian Registered Tennessee Walking Horse who has:

- Satisfied the requirements for the GOLD AWARD for Conformation and Movement as outlined in the Program for Excellence.

Gold Award in Program for Excellence

+ Basic Skills

+ Horsemanship Level 3

+ 2 of

Trail Riding Level 3, Driving Level 3, Extended Trail/Horse Camping Level 3, Liberty Level 3 or Optional Activity

**+ Public promotion of your horse
to demonstrate the talent of your crtwh horse***

*The promotion may be live or virtual and approved by CRTWH (Participation in public displays or demos identifying the horse as a Canadian Registered Tennessee Walking Horse.)

OR

Publication of articles with pictures in a minimum of 2 publications.
Personal participation on public media with a minimum of 20 posts.

APPENDIX 1

GUIDELINES FOR GATHERINGS

- 1 Any CRTWH member or members may organize a Gathering
- 2 Any CRTWH member may act as the liaison person / facilitator.
- 3 A 'Gathering' provides breeds and owners an opportunity to get together, visit, learn, compare notes on horses and prepare submissions for 'The Canadian' Triple Challenge.

Suggestions/Requirements for Hosting a 'Gathering'

1) Notify CRTWH so we are aware of the event.

2) One person in an area acts as the Facilitator.

The Facilitator may request brochures which will be sent to the Facilitator for distribution. The Facilitator is also responsible for delegating work, etc. Brochures ideally should be sent out to participants well before the gathering takes place so participants understand what the evaluators are looking for. Information on the Program requirements is also up on the website.

3) The Facilitator contacts local CRTWH members, and a date and time is agreed upon and set.

4) The Facilitator locates a videographer, either a professional or a volunteer.

There are certain events in which a videographer is not required. Some other events may be live, but viewed and documented by a qualified representative of CRTWH (public events).

5) The Facilitator ensures advertising for the 'Gathering'.

This may take the form of posters in tack stores, word of mouth, on the CRTWH website, in *WHN*, local magazines and papers, social networking, etc. (The CRTWH board would appreciate being notified of advertisements or publicity.)

6) The Facilitator must encourage safety for horse and rider at all times.

The Facilitator hosting a Gathering must have a current provincial equine association membership. The Facilitator must require all participants to provide proof of membership and liability insurance through their Provincial Equine Association and to sign waivers for their facility. In the interests of safety the Facilitator is strongly encouraged to require that all participants, but especially those under the age of 18, to wear helmets.

7) The Facilitator may arrange a social for after the videoing is done.

This gives participants a chance to get together, visit and compare notes on their horses.

8) Copies of the videos should be given/sent to the rider/horse-person/participant attempting the challenge or level. The owner of the horse is responsible to submit the video, entry form and fees to CRTWH. The Facilitator is not responsible for entries but is responsible for sending or giving the video to the participant.

*If YOU are interested in hosting a gathering in your area,
please contact secretary@CRTWH.ca with the following information:*

I _____(insert name of the person or ranch)

would like to host a Gathering on _____ (date) at

_____. (location)

The purpose of the gathering is to support participants, record challenges

and provide information to those interested in the

Triple Challenge Program of the

Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

*Booklets with standards & video instructions are available on the CRTWH website under
Programs.*

www.crtwh.ca

APPENDIX 2

GUIDELINES FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Note:

Submission must be in electronic format – DVD, Memory stick, you tube, private channel

*Note – in some circumstances and by prior arrangement, Evaluations may be live.

Horses will be evaluated to the best of the judge's ability.

The quality of the video may affect the ability to evaluate the Entry.

All submissions will be evaluated by recognized and qualified persons designated as the Evaluator of the year.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Depending upon the activity being filmed, the recording device may have to be moved. A tripod is advisable.
- When horse is stationary, run the recording device for at least 45 seconds unless indicated otherwise.
- When zooming in or out is important to the activity, zoom **SLOWLY!**
- Move the camera or the horse as the situation dictates
- Recording may be inside an arena or outside in natural elements.

MOVEMENT UNDER SADDLE OR IN HARNESS

- 1 To evaluate the horse under saddle or in harness, either indoor or outdoor space, adequate to produce a recording of sufficient quality is necessary.
- 2 It may be necessary to stop the recording device and move it to another location during the session.
- 3 Basic Skills In Hand Awards, Horsemanship at all Levels Awards, Trail Riding at all Levels Awards, Driving at all Levels Awards and any Optional Activity Award are intended to demonstrate achievement or training of the horse and the horse only.
- 4 Riding or driving style and ability is not being judged. Riding style and ability will affect the performance of the horse: however, it is impossible for a judge to eliminate this influence. The point is ***it is the performance of the horse that is being judged.***
- 5 Tack, attire and equipment will not be judged. Tack and equipment should be legal, humane (no bits with long shanks, etc.), serviceable and clean.
- 6 Artificial enhancement of movement is not desirable and will be penalized.

HELPFUL HINTS

- 1 Give each Entry the opportunity to be evaluated at its best.
 - Thoroughly clean and groom the horse. (The recording may be a useful sales tool)
 - Familiarize the horse with the recording device and the person operating the device.
- 2 An assistant may be required to operate the recording device or exhibit the horse.
- 3 Check the recording device for memory and battery.
- 4 Hold the recording device steady. A tripod is beneficial. It allows the recording device to be responsive to the movement of the horse.

- 5 Natural light is preferable. Shoot with the sun at your back.
- 6 When using artificial light, perform a test run to check on the light levels.
- 7 Green grass is ideal, but may not be practical. Try to limit background clutter so the focus is the horse.
- 8 A level area about 80 to 100 feet long with packed ground or sod is ideal for evaluation of movement. Distance is evaluated over at least 100 feet. When distance is not 100 feet, the same course may be traveled more than once.
- 9 During the conformation and movement portion, it may be necessary to stop and restart the recording device more than once.

DISPOSITION AND MANNERS

While there are no specific tests for Disposition and Manners, it is impossible to remove these factors from the Levels of Achievement or training.

Submissions may be by mail or electronic means.

Procedure for Electronic Submission:

- 1 If you are submitting by you tube, inform CRTWH of the location of the submission. If a CRTWH locked site is available, CRTWH will provide the upload the video footage. The video will be identified with a unique number provided by CRTWH and the test or tests to which the video applies.
- 2 Identify the **date, applicable tests, owner, and handler. Identify** the horse by name, gender and registration number. Identify an unregistered weanling as the offspring of its sire and dam, and give the year of its birth.
- 3 Submit the appropriate Application Forms as found on the CRTWH website under Programs either by electronic means or by mail.
- 4 Submit the required fee as outlined in the Fee Schedule.
 - 4.a Fees may be by cheque or e-transfer to treasurer@crtwh.ca

Mail must be postmarked by October 31 of each year.

Submit by October 31

To

**Dianne Little
619 Lake Linnet Cres. S.E.
Calgary, Alberta T2J 2J3**

Electronic submission will be accepted at any time at an additional fee.

APPENDIX 3

REQUEST FOR MORE THAN ONE LEVEL

CRTWH recognizes there are CRTWH horses who have already attained an achievement or training Levels as outlined in 'The Canadian'. A horse may enter more than one Level at a time.

- The Basic Skills In Hand Award is the basic requirement for entry to 'The Canadian'.
- The Basic Skills In Hand Award must be attained before Awards at any Levels or Levels may be challenged.
- The Basic Skills In Hand Award may be done at the same time as any Level or combination of Levels.
- All Awards are achievement awards earned by successfully challenging the Award. Awards are pass/fail with no distinction for ranking

Combined Awards

- .1 If a Combination of Awards are entered and challenged at the same time, the horse must meet the minimum age requirement for each level.
- .2 If an Entry fails to successfully complete the Basic Skills In Hand Award, no other Awards will be evaluated. There is no refund of fees.
- .3 If an Entry does not successfully complete any Award, the owner may appeal the result. (See Guidelines for Appeal Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may enter the Award at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Awards, page 6)

APPENDIX 4

GUIDELINES FOR APPEAL

- 1 When an entry does not successfully complete any Award, the owner of the entry may appeal the decision.
- 2 All appeals must be in writing.
- 3 All appeals must include reasons for the appeal and a copy of the electronic submission and evaluation.
- 4 **All appeals must be received by CRTWH within 1 month of the date of the postmark of the return of the evaluation and be accompanied by the appeal fee.**
- 5 An Appeal Board determined by the CRTWH Board will be struck.
- 6 A time and location for a meeting of the Appeal Board will be set.
- 7 The person (the Appellant) appealing the decision has the right to attend the meeting of the Appeal Board and present his case. If the Appellant does not choose to present the case in person, the Appellant may appoint a representative to act in his place, or the Appellant may submit a written case.
- 8 The Appellant will not be permitted to sit in on the deliberations of the Appeal Board.
- 9 The decision of the Appeal Board will be released within 2 weeks of the hearing.
- 10 The decision of the Appeal Board is final and not open to further appeal.

APPENDIX 5

FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE 2025

	TEST or TESTS	FEE / FEES
	Basic Skills In Hand	\$30 *** One time fee
	Horsemanship Levels 1 or 2	\$20
	Trail Riding Levels 1 or 2	\$20
	Driving Levels 1 or 2	\$20
	Extended Trail/Horse Camping Level 1 or 2 or 3	\$30
	Liberty Module	\$30
	Any Optional Activity	\$20
	Level 3 Tests (Contact CRTWH)	Cost vary if judged in person
	Basic plus 1 Level	\$50 (\$30 + \$20)
	Basic plus 2 Levels	\$60 (\$30 + \$20 + \$10)
	Basic plus 3 Levels	\$70 (\$30 + \$20 + \$10 + \$10)
	Any 3 Levels (excluding Basic)	\$50 (\$20 + \$20 + \$10)
	Any 4 Levels (excluding Basic)	\$60 (\$50 + \$10)
	Any 5 Levels (excluding Basic)	\$70 (\$60 + \$10)
	Any 6 Levels (excluding Basic)	\$100 (\$70 + \$10)
	Optional Activity	\$30 (may increase if travel is required)
	Ultimate Horse	No Charge
	Early Evaluation	\$10 added to regular fee
	Appeal Fee*	\$50

*Appeal fee of \$50.00 will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

ENTRY FORM: TRAINING LEVELS

Send a separate application for each Entry. Include electron submission.
Fees must be included with entry.

[Print This Form](#)

Registered Name	
Registration Number	
Birth Date	
Breeder	
Owner	
Address	
Telephone number	
E mail address	

Award Challenged	FEE

Fee included \$ _____

I _____ hereby certify that:

- The animal described above is the animal shown on the electronic submission.
- I am the registered owner of the animal described above.
- I am a member in good standing of the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.
- I have read and understand the Standard of Performance for the Test.
- I understand that CRTWH will keep a copy of this submission and may show it to others upon request.
- I understand that if the entry satisfies the Standards for the Ultimate Canadian Horse, the Award will become a permanent part of the CRTWH Registration Certificate for the entry.
- I understand that if the entry fails to satisfy the standard of performance as outlined in the test, the entry will not be eligible for the award.
- I understand that if the entry does not meet the standards, I may appeal the result. I understand that this appeal must be made in writing to CRTWH within 1 month of the postmark of the return of the evaluation.

Signed _____ Date _____

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clips from electronic submissions may be used on the CRTWH website.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clips on the CRTWH website may identify the entry and owner
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I give permission for CRTWH to use clips from my video on the CRTWH website or for other promotional purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I give permission for CRTWH to identify the horse and the owner on the CRTWH website

Signed _____ Date _____

Appendix 6

Specifics for Each Level

[Trail Riding Level 3 Check List](#)

[2 Gait Pattern](#)

[Driving Pattern](#)

[Sample Pattern 2 Gait](#)

[Sample Pattern Basic Skills](#)

[Combined Challenge for Basic and
Horsemanship Levels 1-3](#)

[3 Gait Pattern](#)

[Line Driving Pattern](#)

[Sample Pattern 3 Gait](#)

[Yearling in Hand Pattern](#)

[Basic Skills In Hand](#)

[Horsemanship Levels 1 – 3](#)

[Trail Riding Levels 1 – 3](#)

[Driving Levels 1 – 3](#)

[Extended Trail or Horse Camping
Tasks 2020](#)

[Liberty Module](#)

['The Canadian' Ultimate Horse](#)

[Optional Activity](#)

[Entry Form – Canadian Challenge](#)

‘The Canadian’ Training Levels

<b style="color: red;">Basic Skills Minimum age 6 months or 12 months or 18
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<b style="color: red;">Horsemanship Level 1 Minimum age 39 months	<b style="color: red;">Trail Riding Level 1 Minimum age 39 months	<b style="color: red;">Driving Level 1 Minimum age 24 months	<b style="color: red;">Extended Trail or Horse Camping Level 1 Minimum age 5 years
<b style="color: red;">Horsemanship Level 2 Minimum age 48 months	<b style="color: red;">Trail Riding Level 2 Minimum age 39 months	<b style="color: red;">Driving Level 2 Minimum age 36 months	<b style="color: red;">Extended Trail or Horse Camping Level 2 Minimum age 6 years
<b style="color: red;">Horsemanship Level 3 Minimum age 54 months	<b style="color: red;">Trail Riding Level 3 Minimum age 54 months	<b style="color: red;">Driving Level 3 Minimum age 48 months	<b style="color: red;">Extended Trail or Horse Camping Level 3 Minimum age 7 years

<b style="color: red;">Optional Activity Minimum age 48 months	<b style="color: red;">Public Promotion of Your CRTWH Horse
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Path to Ultimate Canadian Horse

Gold Award in Program for Excellence

+ Basic Skills

+ Plus Horsemanship Level 3

+ 2 of

Trail Riding Level 3, Driving Level 3, Extended Trail/Horse Camping Level 3
or Optional Activity

+ Public promotion of your horse

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Ultimate Canadian Horse



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