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Spirit of the Horse is a Royal Tradition

One of the most exciting Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF) traditions is the Spirit of the Horse, taking place November 5-14, 2010. Managed by the Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF), the Spirit of the Horse exhibit offers RAWF patrons the unique opportunity to learn all about horses.

For the true horse-lover, a visit to the RAWF is not complete without visiting the Spirit of the Horse. For the price of admission visitors will see dynamic breed and discipline demonstrations, interactive presentations, educational displays and fun entertainment. The Spirit of the Horse offers spectators an intimate environment that allows you to get unbelievably close to the horses and ask the riders and handlers questions.

Spirit of the Horse 2010 will feature various equine breeds including: Akhal-Teke, American Saddlebred, Appaloosa, Arabian, Canadian, Fell Pony, Fjord, Friesian, Gypsy Vanner, Haflinger, Newfoundland Pony, Paso Fino, Percheron, Thoroughbred, miniature horses and donkeys who will entertain audiences with riding and driving demonstrations highlighting the history, versatility and unique traits of their breed. In addition to breeds, visitors will have the opportunity to meet the working horses from the Toronto Mounted Police, play with Shorty Leggs the Rodeo Clown, learn about some of the different disciplines involving horses and much more!

The Spirit of the Horse is pleased to welcome Gord Searle and Glenn Kipp from Alberta. Gord has been working with horses for almost 30 years, and travels across Canada, hosting demonstrations and clinics on everything from calming aggressive behaviours to effective trailer-loading techniques. They will entertain along with educate – it's all about reminding people why they got involved with horses. Gord and Glenn will be doing daily demonstrations from November 6 to 10.

New this year will be daily educational sessions demonstrating equine massage therapy, chiropractic therapy, the work of the farrier, saddle fitting, and hoof care scheduled in the round pen located within the Spirit of the Horse exhibit area.

The Spirit of the Horse stalls, round pen and demonstration ring are kindly provided by System Fencing and the exhibit is proudly sponsored by Mamma's Pizza.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the world's largest indoor agricultural and international equestrian competition. The Royal draws more than 300,000 visitors to the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto annually to see thousands of unique entries from elite Canadian and International breeders, growers and exhibitors, over 4,500 large and small animals, shows, activities, shopping, dining and The Royal Horse Show. For more information please visit www.royalfair.org.

The Ontario Equestrian Federation is a not-for-profit sport governing office that provides education, leadership and support to individuals, associations and companies in Ontario's horse community. The OEF provides members with a variety of services, programs, and benefits and we represent their interests to the general public, affiliated organizations and to varying levels of government. The OEF is committed to the highest standards of horse welfare, advocacy, pursuits and accessibility. For more information please visit www.horse.on.ca.