



## Fact Sheet

### SPIRIT OF THE HORSE

A Royal Agricultural Winter Fair tradition, the Spirit of the Horse exhibit area delights visitors every year. The full-size show ring hosts entertainment and educational demonstrations throughout the day, including riding techniques and training, horse whisperer demonstrations, horse breed trivia and much more. Visitors will also get to visit their favourite breeds as the adjacent stalls house the horses when they are not in the ring.

**Learn From the Experts.** Top riders of varying disciplines return this year to share their wisdom by performing mini-clinics within the show ring. Audiences will be amazed by what these incredible animals are capable of and will have a chance to have their questions answered by the experts.

**What's in a Breed?** Daily breed presentations within the show ring will showcase a variety of types of horses from the "all purpose" Newfoundland Pony to the stunning all-black Friesian to the graceful Paso Fino. Other breeds may include the Miniature Horse, Mountain Saddle Horse, Canadian, Arabian, Standard bred and the Canadian Sport Horse. Equine experts will speak to and demonstrate the competitive sport of driving in which drivers manoeuvre their team around an obstacle course, and the Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association will share the benefits that a therapy horse can bring to a disabled rider.

**Non-Stop Action.** The action never stops at the show ring! In addition to the many demonstrations described above, performances by the Hunt and the Hounds as well as "Shorty Legs" the Rodeo Clown will also be in the ring to entertain kids and adults alike. Shorty Legs is a non-stop barrel of laughs and will have you rolling in your seats with his quirky comedy routines.

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For more information on The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair visit [www.royalfair.org](http://www.royalfair.org)

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