

Alberta Donkey and Mule Club News, December, 2011

Muletidings to all! Get our your new 2012 calendars and start filling them up!

March 12, Annual General Meeting, Ponoka

March 15, Early Bird Registration Deadline for Tindell Clinics

April 27 –29, Mane Event, Red Deer

May 4 –7 & 10 –13, Jerry Tindell Clinics, Westeros, AB.

May 26 –27, Strathcona Horse Showcase

June 16 –17 Equi-Opportunity Show, Nanton, AB.[new]

July 10 –12. Demos at Calgary Stampede

July 20 –22, Hummingbird Trail Ride

August 18 –19, Tees Longears Days

More information on these Events will be in furture newsletters and our website

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Deloit Sr. and Horse in their last visit together at Spruce Meadows

We have very sad news to report from south of the border. If there was one mule that has really made an impact on the acceptance of mules and donkeys in Canada, it would be HORSE, beloved partner of the late Deloit Wolfe of Missoula, Montana. His son Deloit Wolfe Jr. and partner Deanne Martin of Monroe, Washington, caretakers of Horse since Deloit Sr's passing share with us some of their thoughts.

They write "It is with a very heavy heart that we inform you that this morning October 22, 2011, Horse was hit and instantly killed by a SUV, when she and her sidekick Pony escaped from their pasture. Thankfully no one in the vehicle was hurt.

Horse touched everyone that met her in the many years she had with Deloit Sr. and her short time with us. She taught us so much. Having her in our lives, allowed us to meet the best "mule folks" there are.

We are very proud of Deloit Sr. and the people he knew which became very evident by the honor that was given to his passing at each even we attended with Horse. Deloit, Allie and I loved to educate folks about mules and talk about her and Deloit Sr.'s amazing accomplishments and awards.

Horse was always there to perform whether it was her return trips to Spruce Meadows AB., Tees Longears Days, AB., or Mule Mania Dayton, WA. As we traveled this summer she was always the star of the show, not always placing in events but was surely the fan favorite.

Horse's final event this year was pulling our 1900 John Deer Doctor's buggy in the Evergreen State Fair Parade She was such a sport on the short but very hectic parade route. Many times, little kids would dart out in the street right in front of her and she stayed so calm. When the parade was over, Deloit climbed in the buggy with Allie and I and we took the long detour back to the truck and trailer. It was the highlight of my day trotting down the middle of the road waving to every bewildered resident that came out to gaze at the sight of us. Horse slowed her pace just as we passed a retirement home and it brought tears to my eyes as I watched the senior citizens smile at us. I am most sure we stirred up a memory of horse and buggy days from their past. I just wanted to continue down the road forever and told Deloit to just keep going right into the sunset. At 30 years of age, we figured Horse deserved to spend her remaining time playing in her pasture.

We will miss her dearly and there will truly never be another mule like her. It's been very hard to stand in the barn and look around at the carts, buggy, giant rainbow ball and everything that has her blonde hair attached to it. It's going to be tough looking out to her pasture and not see her sweet face covered in the mud she so loved to wear. We know in our hearts that Deloit Sr. and Horse are together again riding in greener pastures."

Deloit Jr, Deanne & Allie

Submitted by,

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