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WAITING LIST REDUCTION

With intakes stalled throughout several Covid-19 closures, WETRA's waiting list had grown longer than ever and the number of people waiting for service seemed insurmountable. By carefully reviewing our intake procedure, making necessary changes and connecting with waiting list families, our team was able to implement new processes to better meet the needs of the organization and its applicants and expand programming, to eliminate our waiting list entirely!

UNMOUNTED PROGRAMMING EXPANSION



With the addition of an Experiential Learning Coordinator, WETRA has expanded its unmounted programming to increase the number of participants benefiting from alternative equine-assisted services. Our Horses Offering Outstanding Futures (HOOF) program participants are enjoying improved program delivery with even more individualized curriculum planning and new, creative lesson topics and activities. Group visitations are on the rise, with more businesses and organizations taking advantage of the warm weather and enjoying all that the farm has to offer. Interested in booking a group visit? Call our office, or email info@wetra.ca to get started today!

NEW ARRIVALS

This year, we welcomed several new faces. As program grows, WETRA requires more horses to help carry the weight of our services. We are excited to add Tequila, Wes, Emmy, Irish, Honey, Fiona and Kali to the herd!



Tequila



Wes



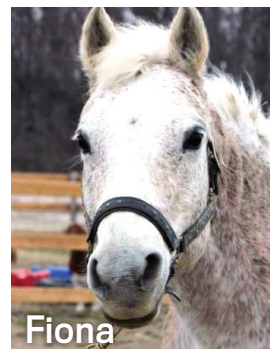
Emmy



Irish



Honey



Fiona



Kali

BARNYARD FRIENDS PROJECT

Our backyard has been the center of several ongoing projects throughout the last year, funded in part by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Solcz Family Foundation. With new paved pathways to increase accessibility, a covered round pen to aid in program expansion and privacy for mental health services, newly raised paddocks with water access, driveways and lighting, and a barn addition to improve the farm aesthetic and create a comfortable outdoor learning space, the facilities at WETRA are looking better than ever! More than that, they are more usable than ever, with each space uniquely designed to suit a specific need within our program.



BLUE JEAN BASH

WETRA's second annual Blue Jean Bash at the Barn was a huge success! Clients, volunteers, donors, and stakeholders joined together for a night of fun in support of WETRA. We were grateful for the generosity of the County of Essex Volunteers who came out ahead of the bash to assist with cleaning and set up. A spring cleaning was long overdue, and the place never looked so good!



VIEWING ROOM UPDATES

WETRA's viewing room received a face lift thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation. With the addition of Quincy – an Equicizer, along with a rider warm-up/physio area, riders will be better prepared for a more comfortable and beneficial ride. The space also serves our unmounted program participants, by providing further engagement and opportunities for growth and learning. A sensory pathway provides an outlet for clients who need stimulation while waiting for the start of their lesson. It's a colourful addition to the viewing area space where clients can exercise their mind and body.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER CAMP

July 10 – August 18, 2023

Register online at www.wetra.ca/camp

RCMP MUSICAL RIDE

September 17, 2023

Tickets available at www.wetra.ca

FALL FAIR

October 15, 2023

ONLINE AUCTION

November 20 – 27, 2023

Visit wetra.ca for details.

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