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## Nominations Sought for Equine Excellence Awards of Distinction

People familiar with Saskatchewan's equine industry are invited to nominate individuals, organizations and companies for awards recognizing excellence in animal welfare and health.

Farm & Food Care SK (FFC SK) and Saskatchewan Horse Federation (SHF) are again partnering to present the Awards of Distinction for Equine Welfare.

"The Awards of Distinction for Equine Welfare recognize dedication to the equine industry, while serving as a reminder of the importance of exceptional care," says Krissy Fiddler, SHF Executive Director.

"Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan works to cultivate awareness and appreciation of agriculture and responsible animal care in our province. Caring for animals is a responsibility Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers take very seriously and the Equine Awards highlight this role," says Clinton Monchuk, Executive Director of FFC SK.

"SHF is proud to recognize the dedicated riders, owners and professionals that strive to make our industry healthy and strong across the province," Fiddler added.

The partners will accept nominations for the awards until February 19, 2017. Award recipients will be honoured March 4, 2017 at the SHF Annual General Meeting at the Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon.

Nominations will be considered in four categories:

### **Equine Welfare Innovation – Award of Distinction**

The Innovation Award recognizes a person or company for developing a new process, product or source of knowledge that has made a significant impact on the improvement of the welfare of horses in Saskatchewan. The honouree will also be saluted for efforts to work collectively with the horse industry to share the innovation.

### **Equine Welfare Young Steward of the Future – Award of Distinction**

The Young Steward Award recognizes a person between the ages of 13 and 25 who has demonstrated, through practices as a horse owner or interaction with others, the importance of a commitment to responsible equine care.

### **Equine Welfare Leadership – Award of Distinction**

The Leadership Award recognizes a person, syndicate or other equine business owner for integrating animal welfare into their core business strategy and setting their own bar higher for expectations

regarding animal welfare. The honouree will demonstrate leadership and commitment in dealing with issues relevant to animal care. This individual or company leads by example. The award will recognize an active horse owner.

**Equine Welfare Communication and Education – Award of Distinction**

The Communication and Education Award recognizes a person, organization or company for taking an active role in effectively conveying equine welfare issues and raising awareness of equine welfare with the general public and the agri-food industry. The objectives of factual and honest information will result in an increase of trust and credibility for the industry and business of equines.

Further details and nomination forms are available [saskhorse.ca](http://saskhorse.ca).

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