



Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.

## **AWARDS OF DISTINCTION *for* EQUINE WELFARE Announced for Saskatchewan**

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The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) together with Saskatchewan Horse Federation (SHF) are pleased to announce the recipients of the "Awards of Distinction for Equine Welfare." This program, designed to recognize excellence in equine animal care, is the first such partnership of its kind in Saskatchewan.

"The Saskatchewan Horse Federation are founding members of the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc., and we're pleased to partner with them in offering four unique animal care Awards," states Mae Smith, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Horse Federation.

"Saskatchewan has a very strong equine industry comprised of owners/riders/drivers who take excellent care of their horses. Honoring leaders in the industry is one way to both recognize their ongoing efforts, and to encourage others in the industry to take the lead in animal care issues." states Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS.

The recipients of the 2005 Awards of Distinction in Equine Welfare were presented at the Saskatchewan Horse Federation's Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> in Regina.

- ***Dr. Grant Royan, Regina, SK - Equine Welfare Innovation – Award of Distinction***  
This award recognizes a person or company who has developed a new process, product or source of knowledge that has made a significant impact on the improvement of the welfare of horses in Saskatchewan.
- ***Ms. I.T. (Teddy) McDougald, Prince Albert, SK – Equine Welfare Leadership – Award of Distinction***  
This award recognizes a person or syndicate or other equine business owner who integrates animal welfare into their core business strategy and has set 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.
- ***Mr. Laverne McMahon, Birch Hills, SK – Equine Welfare Communication – Award of Distinction***
- ***Mr. L. Dale McCoshen, Prince Albert, SK - Equine Welfare Communication – Award of Distinction***  
This Award recognizes a person, organization or company who has taken 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.
- ***Ms. Lisa Siemens, Saskatoon, SK - Equine Welfare Steward of the Future – Award of Distinction***  
This honour is to recognize a young person between the ages of 13 and 25 who has shown, through practices as a horse owner or interaction with others, the importance of a commitment to responsible equine care

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