



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) and the Saskatchewan Horse Federation (SHF) are pleased to announce the recipients of the "2007 Awards of Distinction for Equine Welfare." In its second year, this program is designed to recognize excellence in equine animal care.

"The Saskatchewan Horse Federation are founding members of the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc., and we're pleased to collaborate on these unique animal care Awards," comments Mae Smith, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Horse Federation.

"Our province has a strong equine industry comprised of owners, riders and drivers who take excellent care of their horses. Honoring such individuals is one way to both recognize their ongoing efforts, and to encourage others in the industry to place animal care as paramount," states Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS.

The recipients of the 2007 Awards of Distinction in Equine Welfare will be presented at the Saskatchewan Horse Federation's Annual Awards Banquet this Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Saskatoon.

- ***Miss Amanda Duerr, Fulda, Saskatchewan -***  
**Equine Welfare Steward of the Future -- Award of Distinction**  
This honour recognizes 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.
- ***David Dubé and Heather Ryan -***  
**Equine Welfare Leadership – Award of Distinction**  
This award recognizes individuals who integrate animal welfare into their core business strategy and have set their own bar higher for expectations regarding animal welfare. The honouree(s) will demonstrate leadership and commitment in dealing with issues relevant to animal care. The recipients lead by example. The Award recognizes active horse owners.

The Saskatchewan Horse Federation and the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan congratulate Amanda Duerr, and David Dubé and Heather Ryan for their awards and extend appreciation for their ongoing and continued interest in equine welfare.

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