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## **Partners Recognize Excellence in Equine Welfare**

Excellence in equine welfare and animal health is once again being recognized by the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) and the Saskatchewan Horse Federation (SHF).

FACS and SHF are accepting nominations for the 'Awards of Distinction for Equine Welfare' until January 28, 2011.

"The sixth annual 'Awards of Distinction for Equine Welfare' fulfill two purposes: showing appreciation to the recipients, and serving as a reminder about the importance of providing exceptional care to animals," says Mae Smith, SHF Executive Director.

"We are pleased to recognize owners, riders, drivers and others within Saskatchewan's strong equine industry for their ongoing committed efforts to proudly ensure responsible animal care is provided," says Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS.

The 'Awards of Distinction for Equine Welfare' honor individuals, organizations and companies in four categories:

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

This award is to recognize 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. The honouree will also be saluted for efforts to work collectively with the horse industry to share the innovation.

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

This award will recognize 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.

### **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.

### **Equine Welfare Young 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.

For more information, including a nomination form please check the FACS website at [www.facs.sk.ca](http://www.facs.sk.ca) or the Saskatchewan Horse Federation website at [www.saskhorse.ca](http://www.saskhorse.ca).

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