

# WELSHBEAT

Welsh Pony & Cob Association of Ontario



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It's that time of year again! Here is a few notes about the upcoming Royal Agricultural Winter Fair!

In class 1229 Welsh Pleasure Under Saddle Championship, the number of classes listed is incorrect in the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Prizebook. The class is open to the top three (3) placed animals from class 1226 & 1227.



Entries for classes 1225, 1226, 1227 & 1229 must have the following to enter and be accepted for the limited spaces in these classes:

- Owner of the entry must be a member of their regional Welsh Pony & Cob Association
- Pony/Cob/Half Welsh must have exhibited in at least 1 under saddle class at a minimum of two high point welsh shows of the current year. Shows held after Sept 26th deadline will count (Markham & Erin)
- The first 10 entries that meet these requirements for class 1225 and the first 12 entries that meet these requirements for class 1226, 1227 & 1228 will be accepted.

Classes 1226-1229 will be held on Thursday, November 10th in the evening in the Horse Palace Ring. All remaining Welsh Classes will be held on Friday, November 11th, starting at 9 AM. Driving classes will begin on Friday, November 11th and continue to Saturday, November 12th (see page 21 for details on driving class times)

The presentation of Champion of Champions and the Under Saddle Championship will occur during the evening show in the coliseum on Friday, November 11th. This is a formal event.

There will be no early move in times. Welsh exhibitors are allowed to move in on Thursday, November 10th after 12 PM. Please do not make any calls to the stabling office. Any stabling issues must be directed to our Royal Rep. In the event that stalls are available earlier than move in time, the stabling office will call exhibitors to inform them if/when they can move in.

Any issues at all regarding the Royal shall be directed to our Royal Representative, Peter Dagenais. Peter can be contacted at 289-338-3888.

The Welsh Pony and Cob Association of Ontario will once again be hosting our Annual Aisle party for welsh exhibitors and WPCAO members! Due to the success of last year, the WPCAO will be having a pizza party again! We do ask that attendees bring an appetizer or dessert and to bring some chairs! If anyone wishes to donate drinks to the party, let us know! The location of the aisle party will be announced during the show and the party shall begin shortly after the last class of the day!

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Sunday, November 27th at Utica Memory Hall, located at 13990 Marsh Hill Rd. Utica, ON

We will be holding a potluck lunch. Please contact us at [wpcao2014@gmail.com](mailto:wpcao2014@gmail.com) to let us know what you are bringing!

Don't forget your prize for the raffle table!

The draft minutes and agenda will be sent out to all current 2016 members closer to the AGM date

Please return trophies to Janet Pegg by November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Please send in your nominations for the Phyllis Wray Sportsmanship Award, the Mentor Award (to be submitted by a junior member) and the Chelsea Lifetime Achievement Award to [wpcao2014@gmail.com](mailto:wpcao2014@gmail.com) by November 14th.

### Advertising on the WPCAO Website

The WPCAO is offers FREE advertising on our official website for our current members in good standing. This includes listings on our Classifieds, Farm Directory & Stallions at Stud pages. Be sure to send your ads in via e-mail ([wpcao2014@gmail.com](mailto:wpcao2014@gmail.com)) or fill out our advertising form on our website: <http://wpcao.com/advertise/>

### Advertising in the WPCAO Newsletter

We would like to remind members that Classifieds, Farm News & Half-Page ads are FREE for all current, WPCAO members in good standing! Full page ads are \$5. E-mail your content to [wpcao2014@gmail.com](mailto:wpcao2014@gmail.com). If you require assistance designing your advertisement, Kim is available to help ([kimgeisberger@gmail.com](mailto:kimgeisberger@gmail.com)).

If you prefer to mail your website or newsletter content, please mail to the address below:

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## MY REPORT

By: Janet Pegg

Previously, I had explained a winter blanket “experiment” that somehow just happened without much planning.

I had 6 different levels of winter blanketing going on – and decided to see how it affected the Spring/Summer coats of the ponies.

My groups were:

- 1) Outside 24/7 with no blanket
- 2) Outside 24/7 with rain sheet
- 3) Outside 24/7 with medium weight blanket
- 4) Out during day –Stabled at night with no blanket
- 5) Out during day –Stabled at night with rain sheet
- 6) Out during day –Stabled at night with medium weight blanket

In summary – the non-blanketed ones who were outside did take longer to shed out (not too surprising) – But the coat quality of the non-blanketed that came in at night was the BEST of all groups – and shed out the fastest.

The one surprise that I had was that the rain sheet groups (both in and out) had the least winter hair and their hair shed out the quickest of all. They also had better spring coats than the ponies who had a fiberfill blanket.

Pictures below just compare, of the ponies that came in at night – pictures all taken April 13 then May 17

- 1) No blanket (black/dark grey colt) Best coat



2) Rain Sheet (palomino filly) --not much hair – also nice coat



3) Lined blanket (lighter grey colt) surprisingly – most hair – longer to shed out



I was very happy with the rain sheet group and plan to use this primarily this coming year. One of the things I liked the best was that none of them ever seemed cold and I didn't find them sweating or overheating when the sun shone warmly. The breathable rain sheets provided rain and wind protection and let the pony provide their own warmth.

No great conclusions or suggestions – just thought you might find this of some interest.

Cheers,

Janet