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**Endurance Riding: Is it for the whole family?**

## Strong, spirited Percheron breed enjoys a comeback

By Cindy Bullock

There's a small but growing number of people who are looking for a breed that's not just a show horse, but one that can be used for a variety of purposes. One of those breeds is the Percheron, a heavy, draft breed that has seen a resurgence in popularity. "I find horses a good breed," says John Buckle, president of the Alberta Percheron Club and owner of Westland Farms, one of the largest Percheron farms in the world. "They're a hardy breed, and they're a good breed for a variety of purposes."



John Buckle, owner of Westland Farms, Percheron Station at the 2009 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.



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## Canadian show jumpers battle it out for trip to World Equestrian Games

By Heidi Stangor

With only a few weeks left until the 2010 World Equestrian Games, Canadian show jumpers are in a race to secure a spot on the team that will represent Canada at the event. The competition is fierce, with riders from across the country vying for a limited number of spots. "It's a very competitive event," says one rider. "You have to be in the top 10 to have a chance of making the team." The event is held in the United States, and it's a major challenge for Canadian riders to travel that far. "It's a long drive, and it's a long flight," says another rider. "But it's worth it for the chance to represent your country on the world stage."



Bob Campbell and his horse Top Gun have finished in the top rankings since they began competing a year ago. The same members of the team represent Canada at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky. (Photo by Heidi Stangor)

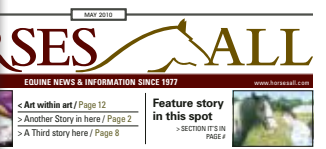


## Stamina and strength to success in eventing

Eventing is a demanding sport that requires a horse to have stamina and strength. "It's a very physically demanding sport," says one rider. "You have to be able to handle a lot of work, and you have to be able to handle a lot of stress." The sport is a combination of dressage, cross-country, and eventing. "It's a very challenging sport," says another rider. "You have to be able to handle a lot of work, and you have to be able to handle a lot of stress." The sport is a combination of dressage, cross-country, and eventing. "It's a very challenging sport," says another rider. "You have to be able to handle a lot of work, and you have to be able to handle a lot of stress."



Owner of Mission Farms, Anna riding the entry under at Thompson County Horse Trials in 2008.



## Horses share the exhilaration of the sport

There's a certain joy in the moment when a horse and rider share the exhilaration of the sport. "It's a very special moment," says one rider. "You have to be able to handle a lot of work, and you have to be able to handle a lot of stress." The sport is a combination of dressage, cross-country, and eventing. "It's a very challenging sport," says another rider. "You have to be able to handle a lot of work, and you have to be able to handle a lot of stress." The sport is a combination of dressage, cross-country, and eventing. "It's a very challenging sport," says another rider. "You have to be able to handle a lot of work, and you have to be able to handle a lot of stress."



Christie Day, owner and the Olympic Dressage International, action shot of a horse and rider at the new arena.