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**CQHA 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
KEYNOTE SPEAKER TO ADDRESS:
“Ethical Considerations Around Horses, Domestic &
Feral, & the Morality of Horse Meat”**



Sue Wallis, Bitter Creek, Wyoming

(Carberry, MB – January 8, 2010) -- CQHA is very pleased to announce that Ms. Sue Wallis, will be the distinguished keynote speaker during the 2010 CQHA Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held on Friday, February 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. (in conjunction with the 2010 Equine Canada Annual Conference, January 31–February 8, 2010 at the Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel in Montreal, QC). Note: **All interested Equine Canada members** are cordially invited (no attendance fee or CQHA membership required). A copy of Ms. Wallis’ presentation is posted on the CQHA website: <http://www.cqha.ca/news.htm>

CQHA is planning a “meet & greet” reception prior to our AGM, which will be held in *Salons: Jarry & Joyce* at the Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel between 5:30-7:00 p.m. Ms. Wallis’ presentation will be the first item on the CQHA meeting agenda at 7:00 p.m. and is being generously sponsored by:



Sue Wallis is a rancher, a writer, and a legislator from a multi-generational ranching and rodeoing family in NE Wyoming. Wallis and her husband, Rod McQueary, are writers and poets who raise grassfed natural beef, make useful and beautiful things out of silver, stone, native wood, leather, and anything else that strikes their fancy, on the Wallis family ranch on Bitter Creek, north of Recluse, Wyoming. Wallis has a strong background in nonprofit administration having managed the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, and currently serves on a number of educational and charitable boards. Her most recent project, besides working on the horse issues, has been founding the Cowboy State Free Press, an online nonprofit news service focused on Wyoming state government and politics.

Sue Wallis is the Wyoming State Representative for House District 52, which encompasses the rural outer rim of Campbell County, including the thriving metropolises of Recluse, Rozet, and Wright. Wallis serves on the Revenue Committee, the Agriculture, State and Public Lands, and Water Resources Committee, and the Select Committee on Legislative Technology and Process. She currently serves as a Vice-chair of the Agriculture and Energy Committee at the National Conference of State Governments, and serves as the Wyoming State Director of Women in Government, a national organization.

For nine days, the equine community from across Canada will be able to participate in a selection of clinics, seminars and forums tailored to the unique issues affecting each of Equine Canada's four divisions—Sport, Recreation, Provinces and Breeds & Industry. The CQHA has been an affiliate member of the Breeds & Industry Division Delegate Assembly, with a representative serving on its council, since 2000.

BREEDS & INDUSTRY DIVISION (B&I) DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

DATE: Saturday, February 6, 2010

SPEAKERS: TBA

TIME: 8:30 am – 5:15 pm

Open to everyone. Discussions include the issues facing the entire equine industry: National Farmed Animal Health Strategy; Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD); Codes of Practice for Horses; export market development; equine identification; B&I Council elections; and more. B&I is a coalition of breed associations and industry organizations united under Equine Canada (EC) and a forum for policy development and information exchange between stakeholders.

REGISTRATION: \$30 Delegate fee (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

There is no fee required to attend the CQHA's AGM – Friday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. or Equine Canada's AGM – Sunday, February 7th at 8:00 a.m. However, if you intend to participate in any of the Equine Canada clinics (various fees), or the Breeds & Industry Division Assembly (see above fee of \$30), pre-registration and pre-payment is required. For more information, registration forms and costs, please visit the convention section of Equine Canada's website: www.equinecanada.ca, or email: ctataryn@equinecanada.ca, or fax to 613-248-3484, attn. Cheryl Tataryn.

For those planning on attending the Equine Canada 2010 Convention, reservations can be made by calling Le Centre Sheraton Hotel at (514) 878-2000. A special guest room rate of \$129 plus taxes has been secured for all attendees who reserve by January 8, 2010. When reserving a guestroom, please mention “Equine Canada Annual Convention” to receive this preferred rate.

The mandate of the CQHA, a national affiliate of the AQHA, is to address issues of concern to Canadian owners of American Quarter Horses; to be a communications vehicle for and with Canadian owners of American Quarter Horses; and to promote and market, both globally and within Canada, Canadian-bred and/or Canadian-owned American Quarter Horses. For more information visit the CQHA website at: www.cqha.ca

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