

PARD Therapeutic Riding Program Report 2022

PARD operated, once again this past season, at a lesser rider capacity in order to comply with governing bodies regulations regarding COVID protocols and a lack of volunteers.

The Independent program remains at one rider who continues to ride year round. The assisted programs on Tuesday and Thursdays, operated at approximately 50% capacity. Tuesdays having 7 riders and Thursdays having 5 riders for a total of 12 riders. With Stormy retiring from the program and NuBuck retiring due to an unexpected injury, the assisted programs struggled to accommodate a larger rider base. Wendy graciously allowed PARD to use 2 of her very experienced school horses, Sassy and Raven, in order for the existing riders to finish out the season. Both the Tuesday & Thursday programs were able to offer 10 lesson nights.

A few of the PARD riders were also able to compete in the annual Charity Games Show before the afternoon was completely rained out.

The 3 riding Instructors continued to virtually attend a number of educational courses online. The hours logged from attending these courses were attributed to updating hours for both certified instructors and instructor candidates. CanTRA was unable to provide instructor exam dates for the 2 instructor candidates therefore both Wendy and Sarah were unable to obtain their certifications. We will continue to request exam dates from CanTRA in hopes to get both Wendy and Sarah certified in 2023.

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