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NBEA and Equine Guelph partner to launch The Horse Portal

The NBEA is partnering with Equine Guelph on The Horse Portal to provide its members short, easily-accessible online training programs to stay up-to-date with the latest information on equine care and welfare. The inaugural short courses are 'Equine Welfare – Canada's Code' and 'Equine Biosecurity – Canada's standard'. They will be offered March 6-24 and April 10-28, respectively. From the Rockies to the eastern islands, horse federations across Canada have come together in partnership with Equine Guelph to offer their English-speaking members equine training and education through The Horse Portal.

"The Horse Portal will bring together horse people like never before to stay current on best health and welfare practices," says Deanna, executive director of the NBEA. "If you are responsible for a horse, it is essential to learn the national standards. These first two short courses on the new portal are important offerings for our members to take advantage of."

The partnership with Equine Guelph enables the NBEA to offer continuing education and certification opportunities for its members – athletes, coaches, facilities, officials and horse caregivers – throughout the province.

Each day, new scientific knowledge emerges on how to better care for horses and deal with emerging issues. It is everyone's responsibility to stay current on best health and welfare practices and industry standards.

The Horse Portal was developed to provide short, practical training that horse caregivers can use on a daily basis. Not only will federation members will be entitled to discounts on the short courses, but they will earn continuing education credits and certificates of completion from Equine Guelph – the horse owner's Centre at the University of Guelph.

"Equine Guelph is pleased to partner with the NBEA to provide a gathering place for horse enthusiasts," says Gayle Ecker, director of Equine Guelph. "The Horse Portal provides a platform for us to come together and learn as a community. I am looking forward to lively peer-to-peer chat forums with horse people from New Brunswick and all regions of our country!"

For information on The Horse Portal, go to <https://thehorseportal.ca/nbea>

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