

Canadian Belgian *Youth* Program

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2022 **CHAMPION**, JR Central Division Mackenzie Baker, Lingwick, QC.



I'm Mackenzie Baker and I love horses, well animals in general. My 2-year-old mare Abby and I practiced at least 5 days a week starting with mane rolling, halter and then driving! We became a great team! We work well together in everything from halter to cart. When I step into the ring with Abby, we're there to be the best we can be that day. Together we had a great summer full of learning experiences! I love the gentle character of Belgian horses and the people that show them I hope to continue learning from all the great people I've met in and out of the ring

Je m'appelle Mackenzie Baker et j'adore les chevaux, les animaux en général. Abby, ma jument de 2 ans, et moi on pratique au moins 5 jours par semaine en commençant par la préparation, le licou puis cart ! Nous sommes devenus une super équipe ! Nous travaillons bien ensemble ! Quand je rentre dans le ring avec Abby, nous sommes là pour faire de notre mieux ce jour-là. Ensemble, nous avons passé une belle été rempli de belle d'expériences

d'apprentissage ! J'aime le caractère doux des chevaux belges et les gens qui les présents. J'espère de continuer à apprendre de toutes les personnes formidables que j'ai rencontrées cette été !

Mackenzie went to 5 shows this year and participated in in 7 youth classes

2022 **Res Champion**, JR Central Division Rose Boulanger, St-Honoré-de-Shenley, QC.



Hello, I'm Rose Boulanger and I'm 13 years old. With my family, this summer we did some fairs. Electric and our foal of the year, Pablo are my favorites horses and I did a lot of the classes with them. This season was not always easy but I perseverated for improve and to have fun with my horses, my family and my friends. This year, I started to drive our 4 horses hitch but not again at the show just at our house. I love Belgians because they are strong and big but at the same time they are so much endearing and loving!

Bonjour, je m'appelle Rose Boulanger et j'ai 13 ans. Avec ma famille, cet été nous avons fait quelques expositions. Electric et notre poulain de l'année, Pablo sont mes chevaux préférés et j'ai fait beaucoup de classes avec eux.

Cette saison n'a pas toujours été facile, mais j'ai persévéré pour m'améliorer et m'amuser avec mes chevaux, ma famille et mes amis. Cette année, j'ai commencé à conduire notre attelage de 4 chevaux, mais pas encore aux expositions juste chez moi. J'aime les Belges parce qu'ils sont grands et forts, mais en même temps ils sont tellement attachants et aimants!

Rose went to 6 shows this year and participated in in 6 youth classes

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2022 **CHAMPION**, SR Central Division Taryn Lindquist, Cameron, ON.



I was glad that the 2022 show season was more or less back to normal with many shows that offered showmanship and cart classes as this would be my last year to compete as a youth. It was a year of many firsts as I was able to drive our 3 year old filly not only in youth classes but also in Belgian mare cart classes. I was very happy to have won the mare cart at Paris Fair and finish 2nd at the Royal as both of these classes were against some very good mares. I continue to be a 4th generation Belgian breeder as my mare gave me another stud colt this spring. The mare unfortunately died the night we got home from

Essa but I look forward to starting with a new broodmare and hopefully a filly foal in 2023! Congratulations to all of the youth this year. There is a great future for draft horses!

*Taryn went to 8 shows this year
and participated in 12 youth classes*

2022 **Res Champion**, SR Central Division Allie Maher, New Lowell, ON.



Oh what a show season it's been! My name is Allison Maher, and I show under my parents hitch, Hyjak Belgians. This show season in particular has been a big one. I really took "hold of lines" and jumped right in. I got promoted to full time co-pilot on our wagon. Drove every single mare in our hitch (whether it was just at home or in the ring), participated in numerous line classes; gained the confidence to work my favorite cart mares solo in our field, and even drove the unicorn 1/2 a lap around the field at home (the mares just followed the track, but it still counts!!). I would like to say a huge thank you to my parents, Peter and Laura, my younger brother Jackson, to Randy and Nancy Robertson, to Jeff and Kristen Robbins, and to Travis Robbins for being

the best little cheerleader! I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and the countdown is on till next show season!

*Allie went to 10 shows this year
and participated in 15 youth classes*

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2022 **CHAMPION**, SR Western Division

Aaron Westlund, Lethbridge, AB

I am very thankful for all the years I have been able to compete in the Canadian Belgian Youth Program. I have really enjoyed all the shows I have competed in and all the friends I have made. I look forward to continuing to show with my grandparents and I am really excited to start my own breeding program. I bought a brood mare from MM Rances and am looking forward to raising foals and showing.

I graduated from high school in June. I started my apprenticeship for my Millwright ticket this summer. I am thankful for all that I have learned and all the good times I have had while show Belgians.

Aaron went to 3 shows this year and participated in 7 youth classes



2022 **CHAMPION**, JR Eastern Division

Alexis Walsh, Napan, NB

I got into driving horses with my grandfather and that was a hobby we shared. My favourite part of showing draft horses is competing in the ring. My favourite class is the cart class. I started showing with R and R services (Ryan Taylor and Robyn McCallum) in 2022 and enjoyed working with their Belgians. I want to continue practicing and progressing for next year.

Alexis went to 7 shows this year and participated in 18 youth classes

2022 Hon. Mention, SR Central Division

Jackson Maher, New Lowell, ON.

Hi my name is Jackson Maher, I am 15 years old and I live in New Lowell Ontario. My hobbies include playing hockey and baseball. This season is my biggest accomplishment was beating my sister in showmanship and mastering the skills it takes to hitch the six. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jackson went to 2 shows this year and participated in 2 youth classes

