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Horses 101 valuable resource for new and inexperienced horse owners

Winter brings new challenges for horse owners. To assure proper animal care, new and inexperienced owners can rely on the Horse Industry Association of Alberta (HIAA) to assist in planning for the care of their animal and see it safely through the winter.

Robyn Moore, Association manager, says: “We offer Horses 101 and Horses 201 courses that help either new horse owners, or people who have had horses for awhile, with information on how to take care of their horses.”

Topics covered in Horses 101 include selecting the right animal, feed and care, how to select the right facility if boarding the animal and equipment.

Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) urges first time owners, in particular, to be aware of available assistance. “Education is definitely the main step,” adds Moore. “You need to get educated about how to take care of your horse through the winter and there are lots of good resources out there. The Alberta SPCA has a website with great information on how to take care of horses throughout winter. As well, our website (HIAA) has some tips on it at www.Albertahorseindustry.ca.”

The Horses 101 course is offered throughout the province during the year. The HIAA website will have all the information. Everyone is reminded that if they notice an animal in distress to call the ALERT Line: 1-800-506-2273.

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New and inexperienced horse owners throughout the province can rest assured the Horse Industry Association of Alberta is ready to provide tips to assure animal welfare concerns are properly addressed this winter. Robyn Moore is Association manager:

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Moore explains what is involved in Horses 101:

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