

[The Horse Breeders and Owners Conference](#) is a must-attend event for horse breeders, owners and riders. This “mid-winter horseman’s escape” is

celebrating its 31st anniversary this January 11-13 in Red Deer, Alberta, at the Sheraton Red Deer (previously the Capri Centre).

The Horse Breeders and Owners Conference starts at 7pm on January 11th with an "Open Barn" reception in the Exhibit Hall. This year, the “Open Barn” reception is free for anyone to attend, socialize, network and look around the equine trade show, which boasts over 60 sponsor booths. Frank Merrill will kick off Saturday morning’s session at 8:40 am. Saturday evening provides a chance to network and socialize with wine, dessert and live entertainment provided by Albertan cowboy and singer Matt Robertson. The conference continues until Sunday afternoon, which closes with the Fred Pearce Memorial Lecture given this year by Dr. Temple Grandin.

Internationally recognized speakers are coming in from all over Canada, the United States and Australia:

Dr. Bob Coleman - Is my Horse too Fat? *and* Managing Horses on Pasture  
Dr. Temple Grandin - Understanding Horse Behaviour  
Frank Merrill - Preserving and Perpetuating the Future of the Equine Industry  
Dr. Peter W. Physick-Sheard – Cardiac Rhythm Disturbances in Horses  
Dr. Joe Bertone - Equine Sleep and Recumbent Sleep Deprivation in Horses  
Christy Landwehr - Marketing the Equine Business  
Dr. Matt Randall - Alternative Therapies as Adjuncts to Traditional Medicine  
Dr. Sharon Spier - Genetic Implications of Cloning

Dr. Sandra TenBroeck - Maximizing the Financial Return from Broodmares

Dr. Michel Levy - Is my Horse Lamé or is it Neurologic: Recognizing the Early Signs of Neurologic Diseases

Dr. Stephen Peters - The Horse's Brain and Nervous System *and* How Learning and Memory Occur in the Horse's Brain

Panel (Ron Anderson, Shauna Cook, John Scott, Frank Merrill) - Understanding Today's Horse Market

Dr. Lynne Sandmeyer - Equine Vision and Recognizing Ocular Disease in the Horse

Dan James - Training at Liberty

Tickets for the Horse Breeders and Owners Conference are \$105, \$90 for additional registrants when pre-registering. Registration can be done online at [www.albertahorseindustry.ca](http://www.albertahorseindustry.ca). Registrations will also be accepted at the door for \$105 a person.

The pre-conference [Stable Owners Seminar](#) begins at 1:00 on January 11th and is an afternoon of education specifically geared towards the stable industry. The seminar is \$25 at the door. It is free for 2013 [ASI](#) participating stables and free for those who have pre-registered for the conference.