



THE CANADIAN SUMMIT SERIES



# Miniature Horse & Pony Driving Clinic

With Multi National & Congress Grand Champion professional driving trainer & accomplished breeder Strachen Edwards from SS Show Horses, Cayuga, Ontario

**Hosted by Amaretto Miniature Show Horses**



**Saturday October 19 & Sunday October 20, 2024 at Didsbury Agricultural Grounds Indoor Arena**  
**8:30am start each day**

**Payment for Registration – E-transfer to [kLunde@live.ca](mailto:kLunde@live.ca)**  
**[www.AmarettoMiniatureHorses.com/clinic](http://www.AmarettoMiniatureHorses.com/clinic)**

Come for a special weekend of high powered, focused education from a top performing trainer in our industry! This clinic is dedicated to driving miniature horses and ponies. The below schedule is subject to change. This clinic is located just 50 minutes from the Calgary Airport and will be a must-attend!!

**Saturday Oct 19, Day 1** – The morning is devoted to getting you in the cart!! Learn how about the driving divisions, equipment, how to harness & hitch. Learn how Strachen starts his driving horses and learn ground driving exercises that will leave you confident. Followed by an afternoon of group driving lessons sorted by skill level.

**Sunday Oct 20, Day 2** – The morning is devoted to taking your horse to the NEXT LEVEL. Strachen will discuss breeding for & selecting a driving prospect, share how he develops the show horse, driving exercises, problem solving & fine tuning to get you and your horse show ring ready! Followed by an afternoon of group driving lessons sorted by skill level.

**Clinic Spot** - \$300 for participating both days, **up to 2 horses** but you may only use one horse in the arena at a time. Includes participation of your horse during the demonstration/instruction part of the day if appropriate & **a 45 minute group driving lesson BOTH DAYS for focused education**. Only 10 Clinic Spots available.

**Audit** - \$150 for both days, or \$100 for 1 day. Learn by watching & asking questions! Bring a lawn chair!

**Youth 12 & Under:** FREE if accompanied by a paid audit or clinic registrant.

**Group Lessons for Summit.** The 45 minute Group driving lessons will be sorted into skill level of the handler. Groups of 3 drivers per lesson sorted by experience, Green (new to driving), Beginner (have experience driving) and Advanced (showing & driving for years). This portion will take up most of the afternoons.

**Anonymous Question Box** will be available for everyone all weekend to “Ask the Trainer”.

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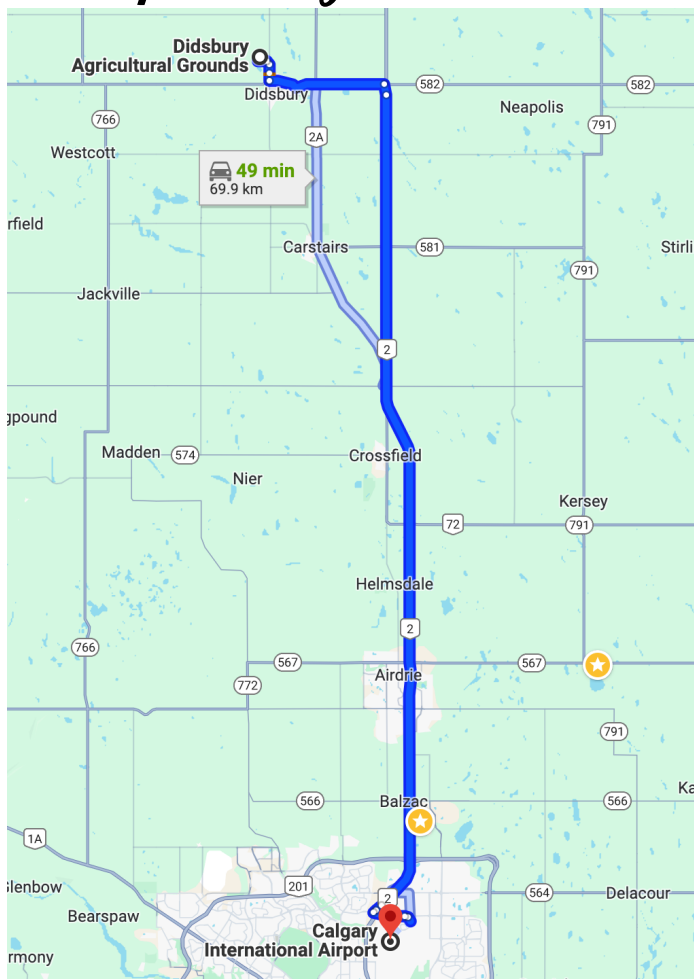
*Stalling is available for Clinic attendees (must be pre-registered) and **stalls must be cleaned out completely before departure (Didsbury will charge extra for cleaning otherwise).***

*Morning coffee & muffins included. Lunch & refreshments will be available additionally for \$15 per day. (Town of Didsbury is 5 minutes away if you'd like to leave for lunch).*

**What to Bring –** Pack a lawn chair and a notebook to take notes.

**What to Wear.** Alberta has a very fickle climate and we can be expecting snow by October & Some years, its short and t-shirt weather! Pack many warm layers to prepare for +15 down to -15. Please bring horse safe footwear, a helmet if needed.

## Hospitality Details



**Airport.** You will fly into the newly renovated, large Calgary Airport.

**Hotels.** Hotels and Air BnB are located at all main cities along the highway 2. Olds, Alberta has a great selection of hotels as our local Agriculture College town and is only 15 minutes away from the clinic (the Ramada Olds and Pomeroy Inn being the fanciest hotels in Olds). Airdrie, Alberta has a lot of hotels and is a 30 minute drive to the clinic. Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield are small towns with a few options for lodging.

**Restaurants.** Ol' Berta restaurant in Didsbury is very close to the clinic on the North side of town with good pub food options. Didsbury has a Subway, Tim Hortons, Dairy Queen and a grocery store. In Olds, Alberta there is my favorite restaurant, Grouchy Daddy's (our horse show dinner staple!).

**Rental Cars.** Rental cars are available out of the Calgary Airport. You can also check Turo (similar to AirBnB but for rentals). See if you can link up with another Clinic attendee to share the bill on a rental car!

**Camping.** Dry camping (no hook ups) is allowed at the Didsbury Agricultural Grounds at no cost! There

is also a Campground based in Didsbury, Rosebud Valley Campground, for you to book a spot just a 5 minute drive from the clinic.

## Things to Do

Make a vacation out of it and arrive early or stay late! I will share some of my favorite parts of this special area that I live in.



**The Kananaskis Nordic Spa** – Located an hour and a half west of the Calgary Airport you will enjoy a scenic mountain drive to get to one of my favorite hidden gems. For under \$150 per person you will have all day access to the Nordic Spa's variety of outdoor therapeutic heated pools, dry saunas, steam saunas and access to their spa restaurant. Just bring your bathing suit – the spa supplies the sandals, robes and towels!



**Banff, Alberta** – Located an hour & a half west of the Calgary Airport you will enjoy a scenic mountain drive to visit Alberta's #1 must see tourist destination – The town of Banff. Check out check out Banff's famous Fondue restaurant The Grizzly House among many other excellent and delicious food options, enjoy a Beaver Tail dessert in Banff, experience great shopping in Banff, the Banff Gondola, the Fairmont, Glacier Skywalk, hike Johnston Canyon, whatever you'd like to do you'll find it in Banff!



# *Open Barn Invitation*

**2pm-4pm on Friday, October 18 at Amaretto Miniature Show Horses located 10 minutes east of Airdrie**

Join us for a tour of Amaretto Miniature Show Horses to view our horses and breeding program. We will be doing a Stallion Presentation as well as sharing our mares with foals, current show horses and sale horses as well as answering any questions you may have!

Please RVSP to [KLunde@live.ca](mailto:KLunde@live.ca) . Directions will be given the week prior to RVSP guests.

