

## **An important message from me, Dr. Roly Armitage:**

I just wanted to let you know of a new venture that I am putting out for members if you are interested, or you think of a person who may be a candidate.

I am going to establish a stable called *Ottawa Valley Horse Racing Stable*. The effort on my part is to put together a syndicated partnership of a number of people who would be interested in being a part-time owner.

I would have full and absolute directorship in governing the stable, including the purchase of a horse or horses at recognized Canadian sales. We would race only in Ontario and the aim would be to be competitive in major races, mostly in the Toronto area where stake races are held. A *stake race* is a race where horses are nominated to race at specific tracks and the horses nominated by me would race only against their own sex and age and the purses would be generous.

The amount of money I would have to purchase horses and in what category would be directly proportionate to the number of owners. My aim for you, a prospective owner, would be to contribute a sum of \$5,000 each, and when the stable is established, I would have one single share of the same value of each of the others at no cost to me and for that privilege I would not charge for my services which would include the purchasing of the horse or horses all administrative duties such as entering the horse/horses in the stake races.

Further, my intent is to have both the cost of the horse and its initial training built into your original contribution.

This whole syndicate would be given monthly statements of the financial position and reports of progress to that date given by a paid person to do that duty.

This would not come into effect before September of 2017 and a meeting of interested people would be held in July or early August. All I want of you now is to let me know if you are interested by email at [armsteadfarms@explornet.com](mailto:armsteadfarms@explornet.com)

My credentials are available on Google under Roly Armitage [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roland\\_Armitage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roland_Armitage). I might inform you that I am a veterinarian, member of the *Horse Racing Hall of Fame* in Canada and have been reasonably successful in racing horses. I am past president of the *Canadian Trotting Association* and *Canadian Standardbred Horse Society* prior to its joining together and forming *Standardbred Canada*, which is the ruling jurisdiction now, and of which, and if not already, you will have to become a member - you can not have a criminal record to become a member.

The purchased horse or horses would be trained at Armstead Farms in Dunrobin, Ontario by my son Donald. Last year he trained and raced a two year old trotting filly we purchased in 2015 at Flanboro Sales that was the third best in the two year old filly *Gold Trotting Division* sires stakes in 2016 in Ontario. Your participation in this adventure is your decision. My phone # is 613-832-1666.

Thank you for your consideration in this venture.

Roly Armitage, DVM, VS

*(See note on following page)*

Note:

Owning a racehorse can be a lot of fun and really, the anticipation of being successful is as much fun as eventually becoming lucrative. Also, there are some perils along the way that must be considered.

Horses are relatively *semi-fragile* and spare parts are hard to come by or not available - period. The aim, of course, is to find an individual based on confirmation, size, temperament, breeding background of three generations relative to speed and endurance, and then placing the horse in the hands of an experienced and successful trainer.

All those factors are considered by me in making a purchase **but** there is a little thing inside every horse called the ***Speed Gene*** that no one knows for sure if it is in there even though all their relatives had it, and was what made them great, famous and fast horses.