

**Colleen Haining
Lacombe, AB**



Nominated as WESTERN BREEDER DIRECTOR

My name is Colleen Haining; I currently reside in Lacombe Alberta. I have been an owner and breeder of Standardbreds since 1996. I grew up in British Columbia, in the Okanagan, a city girl, with a great love of animals, especially dogs and horses. In 1992 I moved to a small town in BC called Clinton where I met my husband Harold. Harold has spent his life as part of a Standardbred harness racing family.

We met in 1992, married in 1994 and moved to a quarter section farm just outside of Grande Prairie in 1995. It was on this farm that Harold gave me my first broodmare, Zelig. She was a big, beautiful, "mind of her own" kind of mare. People often commented that she looked a lot like a moose, but that didn't matter to me, she was mine, and I was in love.

For over 20 years, Harold and I have had many mares together, some years; we have bred, and foaled out up to ten mares of our own, as well as mares for other breeders. We have also stood a few stallions in that time, for ourselves, and for other owner/breeders. We have bred at home on the farm, and have also bred to off the farm stallions. I have been involved with the breeding/conception, I have watched foals born, and also had the heartbreaking experience of seeing them die. I have been fortunate enough to be there as our foals are started, and race as well.

I believe I will be an asset to the board of Standardbred Canada as a Breeder Member for various reasons. I have a background in business, and administration, but I also have some experience as a horseman, owner and breeder. Due to these qualities, I am comfortable working with a board, and at board level, while understanding the duties, joys and struggles in the day to day work it takes to have a breeding operation.

I have lived in the West Region all of my life and I believe that I understand the area I would be representing. I am dedicated, and hard working. I have volunteered and worked with the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association for many years prior to accepting a full time position in 2015 as Project Manager and Horsemen's Bookkeeper. For the past 20 years I have worked in some capacity, whether it be as Standardbred Canada Field Rep, or helping

with Horse Racing Alberta, the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association, or other Standardbred business in these areas. I have assisted Breeders and other horsemen with their day to day operations and have been known to have integrity, and make myself available when needed.

For all of these reasons, I have been nominated for the Breeders member position, and if elected I will do my best to represent the people, horses, and interests of the West.