

Kathy Coonfer
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Nominated as WESTERN BREEDER DIRECTOR

I am Kathy Coonfer from Olds, Alberta and I have been nominated as the Breeder Committee representative for Western Canada. My involvement with horses started when I was young - shows, gymkhanas and rodeos. I rode the touchdown horse the year that the Calgary Stampeders won the Grey Cup in Vancouver!

We got involved with Standardbreds in 2006. Our small Standardbred breeding farm, Dungannon Standardbreds, started with one mare in 2009 and we currently have five broodmares in foal. I attended Pedigree Camp in Charlottetown over the next few years which has been a great tool for mare and stallion selection. We have had some success with good yearling sales, stakes winners, and a few track records. Our horses have raced in three provinces and ten states. One of our offspring, Mateo, was the Alberta Sired Three Year Old Colt/Gelding for 2017 and went on to be a finalist for an O'Brien Award. We have raced a few ourselves and currently have a two year old and two yearlings in training.

On a professional level, I spent many years working as an Executive Assistant at Olds College, deeply involved with committee and board activities. I also volunteered with Alberta Health Services on their Appeal Board and facilitated Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training for Alberta Mental Health Services staff. I am currently semi-retired and working on the farm.

Thanks to the breeders who supported my nomination. If selected, I want to represent Western Canada Region Standardbred breeders and help to facilitate communication between all regions. I believe in supporting the integrity of the Standardbred registry and promotion of the sport of harness racing. Communication, fiscal responsibility and accountability are vital to continued success. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute towards those goals.