

ALL BREED PONY SHOW 33 YEARS YOUNG

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Over the weekend of August 12 and 13, the Cochrane Agricultural Arena hosted the 33rd annual All Breed Pony Show.

In past years, the show has been held at numerous locations across Alberta including Millarville, Thorsby, Okotoks and Didsbury but for the first time this year it was held in Cochrane.

Pat Clay, Sheila McLellan, Dave and Grace Langford have organized, volunteered and served on the show organizing committee since the show's conception.

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Western Canada held the first show in Millarville in 1973. Since then the hosting group has been renamed The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Alberta.

From that first show in 1973 the format has stayed the same. The show is based upon having a fun, family oriented event for all to enjoy.

With this wonderful format continuing year after year, it is no wonder that some of the exhibitors have shown with the All Breed Pony Show for numerous years, some families even showing fourth generation exhibitors.

Some of the trophies have even been named after the original members. For example, the Stewart Campbell Junior Welsh Champion trophy, donated by Campbell's granddaughter Kathleen Alves of Kobur Welsh, the Stan Young Senior Welsh Champion trophy donated by Shelley Synder of Shell Crest Welsh and the Bill Gow Supreme Show Champion donated by Sheila McLellan of Kiltie Welsh.

With all the generous support from longtime, loyal members and exhibitors, first time exhibitors, club volunteers and numerous sponsors, the All Breed Pony Show will surely run from many more years to come.