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Terry Whiting

Terry graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1984. He then completed a MSc in Equine exercise physiology at U of Guelph and was in mixed, primarily food animal practice in Ontario.

Since then he has worked for governments in food safety and animal health including Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and Manitoba Agriculture at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Terry was on the development committee for the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council horse code of practice (1998), the Transport code of practice (2001) and the Swine Segregated Early Weaning amendment (2003). Currently he is the Chair of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Animal Welfare Committee, and is the provincial representative on the National Farm Animal Care initiative.

Terry has been an active volunteer with the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association, serving on the board 1998-2003 and was President in 2002. Terry has published in peer reviewed journals, mostly the Canadian Vet Journal on humane transportation of animals, food safety, and emergency preparedness.



Bryan Hay

Bryan was born and raised on a mixed family farm near Oakville, Manitoba. During this time, he was very involved in both 4-H clubs and the Canadian Junior Shorthorn Association. This led him to pursue a Degree in Agriculture at the University of Manitoba.

Upon graduation, Bryan's career led him to positions within the agricultural sector before joining Elite Swine Inc. as a Farrowing Technician in 1998. This allowed Bryan to gain valuable experience on modern hog production, which he employs at his current position.

In October 1999, Bryan joined Maple Leaf Pork, Brandon as a Logistics Coordinator within the Hog Procurement Department. Since this time, he has assisted the Brandon plant go from start-up to processing over 85,000 hogs/week, by consolidating kills into the Brandon plant from the former J.M. Schneider processing plants. Recently he was promoted to Senior Manager, Hog Logistics and Animal Welfare and oversees animal handling practices at the Brandon plant specifically relating to transport and receiving.



Ashley Peterson

Ashley Peterson serves as the Director of Legislative Affairs with the American Meat Institute. Her responsibilities include lobbying Congress on food safety, animal welfare, immigration and sustainability issues. Prior to joining the American Meat Institute, she was a Congressional Science Fellow in the office of Representative Marion Berry working on agriculture, energy, environment and appropriations issues.

She obtained her Ph.D. in Animal Science from the University of Maryland, her Master of Science degree in Animal Science from Michigan State University and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kentucky. Along with her husband, Robert Dinsmore, Ashley maintains a flock of Hampshire and Shropshire sheep in Frederick, Maryland.



Jennifer Woods

Jennifer Woods of Blackie, Alberta obtained an Animal Science degree from Colorado State University. While attending university, Dr. Temple Grandin was one of Jennifer's professors and she continues to collaborate with Dr. Grandin. Jennifer has extensive experience with cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, elk and bison.

Jennifer works closely with the livestock industry and government across North America and Europe on livestock handling and transport. Jennifer has been delivering livestock handling courses including Livestock Emergency Response, Livestock Behavior and Handling and Livestock Handling for Youth throughout North America since 1997. Jennifer is trained and certified in Large Animal Rescue and has been assisting on accident scenes since 1998. In 2005, Jennifer began working with large livestock production and processing companies on accident response procedures. These programs have included emergency euthanasia and accident prevention training for drivers.

Jennifer has certified Canadian universities for the Canadian Council on Animal Care and developed a livestock behavior and handling curriculum for colleges. In 2004, she started working with Dr. Temple Grandin for certification to perform Livestock Handling Audits for Auction Marts and Meat Plants. In 2007, she trained with PAACO Animal Welfare Auditing and is a certified auditor. She has just completed authoring the Animal Welfare Audit for Transportation for the American Meat Institute.

In 2006, Jennifer was presented with the Award of Distinction for Innovation by Alberta Farm Animal Care for her Livestock Emergency Response Program, Canada's first training program to assist first responders and livestock haulers with livestock related accidents.



Susan Church

Susan manages the Alberta Farm Animal Care Association, or AFAC, and has since it started in 1993. Working with dedicated producer board members, she has helped position Alberta livestock producers as leaders in animal care issues throughout Canada and the US. In July 2005, she received the Canadian Veterinarian Medical Association's annual Humane Award.

She has worked extensively with Alberta's agriculture and food industry for 35 years. She headed west from Manitoba after she completed her degree in agriculture.

She is on the board of Heritage Park, an organization in the midst of new governance planning and a major capitol campaign and expansion. And, she is on the board of the Alberta Region of the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

She lives outside of Calgary with her husband Stan, who runs a 400 head cattle operation.



Erik Risa

Erik is the Manager of Certification Programs for the National Pork Checkoff Board, headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa.

He is responsible for control of the development, delivery, and implementation of the Pork Quality Assurance Plus®, Youth PQA Plus® and the Transport Quality Assurance® programs as well as other Pork Checkoff educational materials as they become apparent. Risa's duties also include development of all technical materials, new educational delivery mechanisms, and creation of materials and approaches for Web site delivery of the educational programs and materials developed through the Pork Checkoff. In addition, he works with pork producers, veterinarians, University Extension Service, packers, food service and retail organizations and serves on several National Pork Board science and technology committees and the producer services committee.



Risa grew up on a family livestock farm in southwest Minnesota. He attended South Dakota State University and earned a bachelor's degree in animal science in 2002.

Phil Malone

Phil is an ex-BBC broadcaster who has been involved in training programme production for the past 20 years. He acts as consultant on a number of rural and environmental issues improving both internal and external communication for a number of clients from both the public and private sector.

He has been advising Senior Government Officials throughout the former Soviet Union, the Middle East and Africa. He is used to working with professionals in many industries to help them communicate more effectively and improve training levels and motivation among staff. Much of his expertise includes assisting with the drawing up and implementation of national and international strategies.



Matt Ritter

Matt is a swine technical consultant with ELANCO Animal Health and his area of expertise is pig handling and transportation. In his role with ELANCO, Matt is conducting commercial research with large production systems to improve industry knowledge in animal handling and efficacy of ELANCO swine products (Paylean, Pulmotil, and Tylan). Matt is also the author of ELANCO's monthly e-newsletter entitled, "Hog-Handling Update, Tips for Better Pig Handling." Currently, Matt serves on three industry committees: the National Pork Board's Transport Quality Assurance Task Force, the National Pork Board's Animal Welfare Committee, and the American Meat Institute's Animal Welfare Transportation Sub-committee.

Matt received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science at Michigan State University and his Ph.D. in Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois under the guidance of Dr. Mike Ellis. During his Ph.D. program, Matt loaded over 50,000 pigs under U.S. commercial conditions to determine causes of dead and non-ambulatory pigs at U.S. packing plants and to identify management strategies to reduce these transport losses.



Nick Berry

Nick Berry, swine handling specialist from Coralville, Iowa received his B.S. from Iowa State University in Animal Science. After receiving his M.S. at Michigan State University in Muscle Biology, he returned to Iowa state to pursue his Ph.D. in Animal Science with an emphasis on animal handling. While back at Iowa State, Nick researched the effectiveness of a low stress loading gantry for swine. Following the completion of his Ph.D., he joined the Pork Enterprise Group as a Pork Production Associate with Cargill. He currently works very closely with swine producers throughout the midwest in all aspects of production.



Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein

Karen was born and raised on a southern Alberta family farm that has been active in the feedlot business for over 40 years. She obtained here PhD at the University of Saskatchewan in Applied Animal Ethology in 1996.

She worked as a research scientist for Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development in Lethbridge for 4 years before taking a research scientist position with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in 2003. Her research interests include pain/stress assessment and mitigation strategies associated with routine management procedures such as transport, castration, dehorning etc. Her research is applied and provides leading edge information for the scientific community as well as training and consultation to feedlot managers, agribusiness and the feedlot industry.

She is an adjunct professor at the University of Saskatchewan and University of British Columbia. She provides expert advice to both provincial and federal producer groups on issues related to beef welfare. She is currently President-elect of the Canadian Society of Animal Science and is an associate editor for the Canadian Journal of Animal Science and is the author of over 90 scientific and industry publications.



Cameron Hall

Cameron Hall has a lifetime of experience within the livestock industry, having grown up in the Central West region of New South Wales. Cameron's career has seen him employed as a Jackaroo, a livestock agent, a corporate livestock manager and a livestock exporter.

From 1996 to 1997, Cameron was a member of the Elders Graduate program which was focused on identifying future leaders for the organization. He held the position as the State Livestock Manager, Victoria and Tasmania prior to becoming involved with the livestock export trade as a principal exporter through Elders International and Fares Exports.

Today, as Chief Executive Officer of LiveCorp – a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth and development of the Australian livestock export industry – Cameron directs the industry's efforts in improving animal health and welfare through research and development; developing new markets for live sheep and cattle; and strengthening existing export markets through investment and training.

He is responsible for managing an organization of diverse and geographically widespread members within an ever-changing economic and political environment, and he is committed to executing LiveCorp's vision to be a "Respected world leader in sustainable livestock exports".



Joey Astling

Joey Astling is the Compliance Specialist for the Equine Transportation Program within USDA/APHIS/VS. Joey is a lifelong horseman, and considers himself fortunate to continue his family's traditions of horse training, ranching and rodeoing. Along with those pursuits, Joey also attended Sam Houston State University and McNeese State University.

Joey currently resides in South Texas with his fiancée and their horses.



Martin Appelt

Dr. Appelt graduated from the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Austria in 1996 and worked in farm animal practice in Austria and the UK, "trying my best to cure and do no harm", he says.

Prior to that, during a year at the veterinarian school in Dublin, Ireland, he not only sampled local brews but also sailed on livestock ships, carrying slaughter and breeding cattle to Libya and Egypt. In 2001 he completed a PhD project on cattle transport at sea, with UVM in Vienna.

Between 1998 and 2002 Martin worked as a port veterinarian at an EU port of entry and part-time in mixed practice. He joined the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in 2003 and works exclusively in animal transportation and welfare.



Some of his publications include:

- ✓ The Canadian Approach to Science-Based Regulation of the Long Distance Transport of Animals (2008), *Veterinaria Italiana* 44(1) 95-99
- ✓ Stunning and killing cattle humanely and reliably in emergency situations — A comparison between a stunning-only and a stunning and pithing protocol, *Can Vet J.* 2007 May; 48(5): 529–534
- ✓ Amended Health of Animals Regulations to Prohibit the Transport of Non-Ambulatory Livestock (2005), *Can Vet J* (46), 1132-1135
- ✓ Non-Ambulatory Livestock Transport – The Need for Consensus (2003), *Can Vet J* (44), 667-672