



The dogs are coming - 4-H Group saves the day!

Sussex, NB – August 5, 2008 – “We are so grateful to the Sussex Beef 4-H Club for their help,” said an exhausted Ceci Flanagan-Snow, Manager of the Princess Louise Park Show Centre. “We just completed the largest horse show of the season. The Maritime Quarter Horse Association “Summer Sizzler” had 117 horses participating in its four-day breed show which meant that all four stables at the Show Centre were virtually full.”

That many horses and the hundreds of people associated with them means that there was more than a little cleaning to be done in order to be ready for the Agility Association of Canada’s Championship meet. Dogs and their handlers from across Canada were starting to arrive in Sussex as the horses were being loaded onto their trailers. The dogs will be kennelled in the Show Centre stables.

“We want everything spic and span when the dogs move in,” said Flanagan-Snow. Just cleaning out all of the stalls is an enormous undertaking under normal circumstances with a few days between events to accomplish it - and the plan calls for the buildings to be pressure washed and sanitized prior to the move-in on Tuesday and Wednesday. “With the two events so close together, there was no way our staff of three students could have completed the long ‘to do’ list in less than 36 hours. The Sussex Beef 4-H Club members, parents and supporters came to our rescue. They descended on the Show Centre Monday evening as the horse trailers were pulling out and in a little over two frantic hours, all four stable buildings had been cleaned out and several dumpster loads of manure and wood shavings filled and ready for removal Tuesday morning. I’m amazed and grateful.”

In support of youth and agriculture, the Show Centre donates the use of its facilities to the Sussex Beef 4-H Club for one week-end a year to host its annual Achievement Days. The members of the club normally help to ‘earn’ the Centre by assisting with spring clean-up, gardening and other tasks. So this undertaking was over and above the usual, for sure.

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