



# Farm Animal Care News

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This newsletter highlights Farm & Food Care's animal care initiatives. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

## New Projects on Livestock Emergency Preparedness

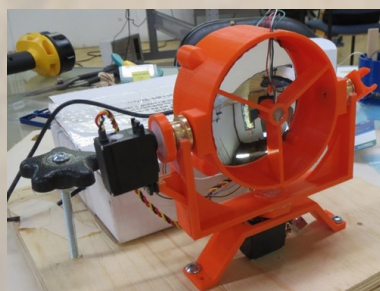
### *Transport Truck Rollovers & Barn Fires*

Recently, Farm & Food Care was approved by AAC to embark upon a livestock truck rollover project. This is a collaborative project with Farm & Food Care and Beef Farmers of Ontario, with assistance from the Wellington County Fire Department and Luckhart Transport Limited.

The project aims to provide Decision Trees and training for first responders in both Northern and Southern Ontario. Jennifer Woods, a livestock handling expert out of Alberta, has been enlisted to provide hands-on training. Jennifer is scheduled to come to Southern Ontario for a workshop mid-summer. The kick-off meeting for the project occurred on April 26th and the group plans to meet again on May 17th.



(Truck Rollover Accident)



(Prototype Barn Fire Sensor)

Since January 2017, Farm & Food Care has been working in collaboration with commodity groups, OMAFRA, and an engineering company out of McMaster University, Harvest Robotics, on a heat-sensing prototype for livestock barns as a method of fire prevention. The first barn fire sensor is scheduled to be installed in a livestock barn on May 8th. The project will be wrapped up in October 2017.

### **Grain Bin Fire Training**

This past spring, Brent Royce organized a training day for first responders after his own personal experiences in 2016 with a grain bin that caught fire on his family farm.

The grain bin fire training proved to be very successful with a number of fire fighters in the area attending the workshop and learning how and where to cut the grain bin as well as testimonials from first-hand experiences.

Farm & Food Care is currently working on an informational video of the day.

**Farm & Food Care is pleased to welcome Christine Wilkinson to the team!**

Christine will work with the Programs Unit for 4 months over the summer as the Farm Animal Care & Environment Research Assistant.





## Media Messaging for the Pig Trial

On Thursday May 4th in Milton, an Ontario Court judge dismissed the mischief charges laid on animal activist Anita Krajnc for giving water to pigs outside a slaughterhouse. Krajnc, a 49-year-old founder of Toronto Pig Save, was charged after she poured water into the openings of a Pig Truck. Kelly Daynard and Bruce Kelly of Farm & Food Care, along with additional agricultural organization representatives were present in Milton when the verdict was announced.

In collaboration with Ontario Pork, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Farm & Food Care Ontario released press releases the day before the final verdict as well as immediately following the verdict.

*Please refer to "New in the news" to read the full press releases*

## Animal Rights vs. Animal Welfare

### Canadian Federation of Humane Societies Annual Conference

The *Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS)* held its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at the *Westin Hotel* in Ottawa (April 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>)

The *CFHS* was attended by nearly 200 individuals, mainly those associated with animal shelters across Canada, as well as members of various animal welfare and animal rights groups (*CFHS, SPCA, US Humane Societies, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Mercy for*

*Animals*). Morgan Ellis, *Farm Animal Care Coordinator* with *Farm & Food Care Ontario*, attended. On the first evening of the conference, there was a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards Gala with guest of honour David Suzuki.

The two day conference was extremely worthwhile. A sincere thank you to the Canada Mink Breeders Association for giving Morgan the opportunity to attend. It was a reminder of how extreme some animal rights activists can be and what the differences are between animals rights and animal welfare. Sentiments from Catherine Moores of CMBA who also attended the conference summed it up best when she stated, "I realized that even though they may not always have the loudest voice, there are other animal welfare advocates around the table with views that are not that different than ours. The majority are likely somewhere in the middle". Reducing the "us-vs-them" notion is important to find common ground with like-minded organizations as agriculture continues to strive to promote animal welfare.



(April 10, 2017, David Suzuki & Barbara Cartwright)

## Upcoming events & meetings

- Animal Care Advisory Council Meeting, June 8, Guelph
- NFACC Meeting, June 22-23, Ottawa
- Breakfast on the Farm, June 24, Shedden
- Harvest Gala, November 2, Guelph

## New in the news

- Pig Trial Media Message—Pre-Verdict <http://bit.ly/2pZek1d>
- Pig Trial Media Message—Post-Verdict <http://bit.ly/2peN5M4>
- Are Pigs People Too? Here's what the Judge in the Pig Trial has to say <http://bit.ly/2pO8Zc2>

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