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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL BIOSCIENCES

Dear Mounted Officer,

As a rider of a police horse facing various situations on horseback, you have intimate knowledge of what character traits you feel are important in your mount. The performance of a police horse may be influenced by the horse's personality, and knowing what traits are desirable can aid in selecting appropriate mounts.

Help to discover more about this by participating in a research study conducted by Dr. Katrina Merkies, and Tianna Evans and Kiana McDole (Undergraduate Students) from the Department of Animal Biosciences, Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph titled "**The influence of horse personality on police horse selection**" (REB #21-07-022). The results of this project will contribute to the fulfillment of an undergraduate student research project.

The purpose of this study is to determine what personality traits are most important to mounted officers and to see if these traits correlate with those displayed in validated horse personality tests.

Participation is on a volunteer basis and all submissions are anonymous. As such, neither your employer nor NAMUCA will be aware of your participation in this research. Estimated time commitment to complete the online questionnaire is 10 min.

To be involved in this study, please click on the link.

[https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2lZYey8cr6ahQ0K](https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2lZYey8cr6ahQ0K)

This project has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board for compliance with federal guidelines for research involving human participants. If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact:

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Thank you!

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