



Keystone International Livestock Exposition  
2023 Judge  
Horse Show



## *Gordon Ruzicka*

**Hometown:**

Viking, Alberta

**Shows:**

Percheron Halter Classes, Haflinger Halter Classes,  
Draft Horse & Haflinger Hitch Classes, Clydesdale  
Halter Classes,  
Youth Draft Horse Halter Classes

---

Gordon Ruzicka was born and raised near Viking, Alberta and currently resides less than a mile from where his grandparents homesteaded. Horses have always been a major part in his life. Growing up on a farm he helped his dad train and show their Percheron gelding hitch at local shows and also enjoyed partaking in light horse 4-H.

He took a short break from the farm and horses to pursue his other passion; hockey, where he played goalie at the Junior level in various cities. He soon returned back to his first love-draft horses-and had the opportunity to show horses in California at the age of 19.

Gord and his wife, Shannon, owned and operated a PMU barn for 14 years which allowed him to manage approximately 100 head of Percheron horses.

Since then he has worked with, trained, and raised many hitch horses of various draft breeds, his favourite still being the Percherons.



Keystone International Livestock Exposition  
2023 Judge  
Horse Show



Throughout his career as a showman, he has successfully trained and sold complete six-horse hitches for clients and himself. As well, he has had the privilege to judge at county, state and national level fairs.

Gord and Shannon currently manage 70-100 head of Percherons at their farm and Gord now offers services as a trainer, breeder, consultant, and clinician. He strives to breed and raise high quality hitch horses and continues to enjoy and share his passion for horses.