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## Warmblood Horses and the Trade in Dubai

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During the last week of March 2007 I joined a group from Equine Canada on a trade mission to Dubai, as a Technical Advisor.

One would think, Dubai is a small country on a desert, but the fact is that it is very rich from the oil revenue.

One of their passions is Horses and horse races, like the Dubai World Cup. When we consider that the Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Al MAKTOUM (who is the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE) and his wife Princess HAYA are in charge of the horse industry of Dubai, then we know how important the horse business really is over there.

Dubai is a welcoming country and open to other societies and I believe as Canadians we should present ourselves with the help of the Warmblood Association and through Equine Canada to come up with specific plans to offer to the horse industry in Dubai. This will make our trade with Dubai our main priority.

My understanding, when I was in Dubai, was that if a group came up with specific proposals regarding trade with Dubai, the ruler of Dubai would be willing to discuss it.



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