



# British Columbia Herdshare Association

*Serving and Supporting the Herdshare Community*

Welcome to All New Members!

September 2, 2014



Welcome to our first news bulletin! If you are receiving this, it's because you have signed-up as a member of a new organization, the B.C. Herdshare Association.

In June, we reached a significant step in the development of this organization: We incorporated as a non-profit society in BC. This is so we can better serve you, the members of BC's herdshare community. Incorporation helps us do such things as fundraising, so that we can provide the programs and services that the community asked for in the [community survey](#).

For those of you who signed up to our mailing list months ago, we thank you for your patience. We do hope to get informal bulletins like this one out on a more frequent basis.

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## The BC Herdshare Association is delighted to welcome Mark McAfee of RAWMI back to BC



We are pleased to host Mark McAfee, CEO of Organic Pastures Dairy Company and spokesperson for the [Raw Milk Institute \(RAWMI\)](#) to visit BC from September 8th-13th before leaving for Ontario. Since Mark's last visit as a guest speaker at the [Fresh Milk Food Politics Conference](#) in April 2013, progress continues as new data confirms that this nutritious food isn't the health risk which Canadians have been lead to believe it is. Mark will be meeting with farmers and giving public talks at the University of Victoria (place and time to be confirmed) and Kwantlen Polytechnic University about farm-fresh milk safety and what RAWMI can do for our communities. Meetings with senior government and public health decision makers are expected to be part of Mark's visit.

**"For the Love of Farm-Fresh Milk!"** - Free public presentation with Mark McAfee at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (September 11, 8 pm, Melville Centre Conference Room, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Richmond Campus 8771 Lansdowne Road).

The importance of RAWMI training in BC is that the main law banning all unpasteurized milk, [Health Hazard Regulation](#) section 2(a) under the *Public Health Act*, which classifies it as a "health hazard," will only be changed if we can prove that farm-fresh milk is safe. RAWMI provides training for farmers on how to ensure that their product is safe, and BCHA is [pleased to be able to offer this training](#) province-wide.

**Regarding Mark's visit, please let us know if you would like Mark to visit your community, if you would like a chance to meet him, learn more about RAWMI and raw milk best practices, and get your questions answered.** Drop us a line: email [contact@bcherdshare.org](mailto:contact@bcherdshare.org) or phone [1-800-983-7749](tel:1-800-983-7749).

Check our website and Facebook Page for more announcements on events taking place in Mark's visit. We will also be sending out another bulletin to members with an update.

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## Inviting Your Photos and Stories for Our Website

Would you like to share the story of your farm, or share photos of your herd? Herdshare members, would you like to share the story of your herdshare or what role farm-fresh, unprocessed milk plays in your life? Please email your submission to [contact@bcherdshare.org](mailto:contact@bcherdshare.org).

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## Saanen Goats Need a Good Home

Sadly, a farmer in Sooke needs to reduce her herd of beautiful Saanen milking goats. Her goats have been lovingly cared for and have bloodlines that date back over 60 years. Within that time, they have NEVER received vaccines, growth/fertility hormones or GMO products. This is your chance to provide a good home to a lovely goat in exchange for amazing nutritious milk! Please help spread the word to ensure that these wonderful animals find the right homes as milking goats. Please see her ad on [Used Victoria](#) for more details.



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## Volunteers Wanted!

Have you thought about volunteering with us? We are looking for volunteers for all sorts of positions, and can be very flexible. Do you have any skills or a bit of time you'd be able to contribute? If you want to help out, [please visit this page](#) for more details.

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