

# TROT 4 KIDS

Special Edition

World Driving  
Championship  
Profiles

Willie's  
Hoes

Games &  
Puzzles



Harness Racing  
Around the  
World

Hello Trot 4 Kids readers!

Welcome to the special International edition of Trot 4 Kids.

Canada's Brad Forward will be heading to the World Driving Championship in mid May to represent our country and we wish him the best of racing luck! Watch our website for daily updates on the WDC after May 14 so you can follow how Brad is doing.

In this issue, we take a look at some interesting facts about the countries participating in the WDC and we'll also profile the drivers.

In May we'll have a TROT 4 Kids On-Line Survey on the SC website. We really want your feedback and you could have a chance to win a special gift pack valued at \$100! Happy reading!

## A note from the editor



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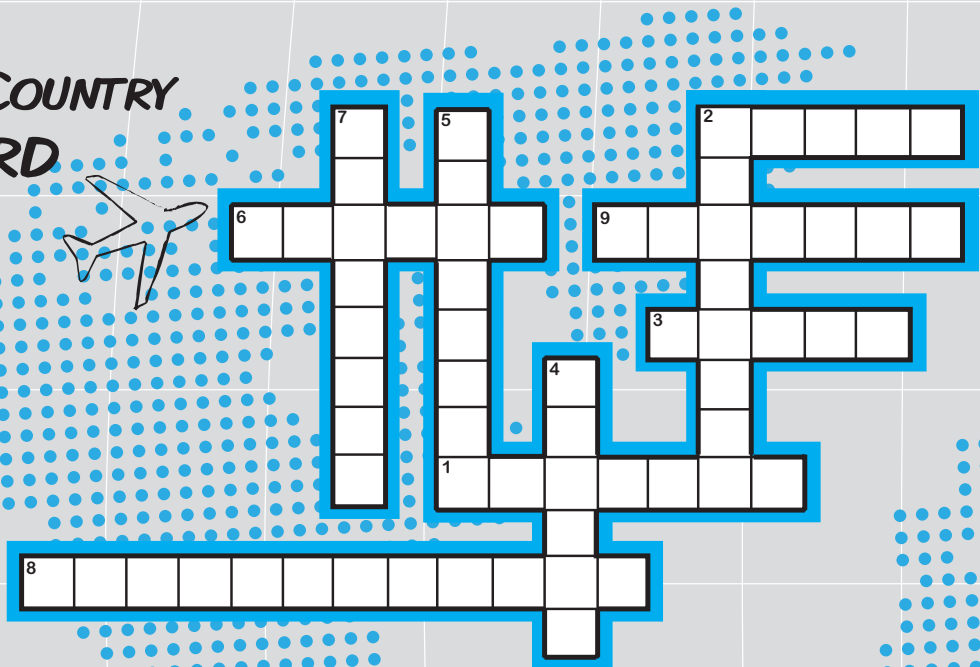
- 1. A male horse of any age that has been neutered.
- 2. A girl horse aged up to three years.
- 3. The racing cart pulled by harness horses.
- 6. The country hosting the 2009 World Driving Championship.
- 8. The breed of horse that is involved in harness racing.
- 9. The gear which is used to attach the sulky to the horse, to carry the hoppers and to enable the driver to steer the horse.

**Down:**

- 2. Last name of the driver representing New Zealand.
- 4. A driver must wear one of these for protection.
- 5. A one year old horse.
- 7. Last name of the driver representing USA.

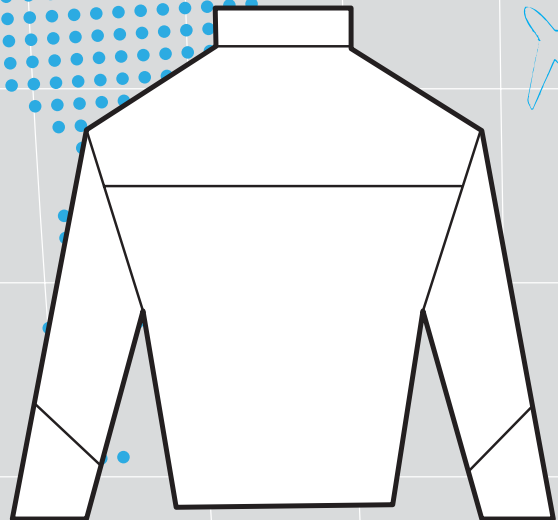
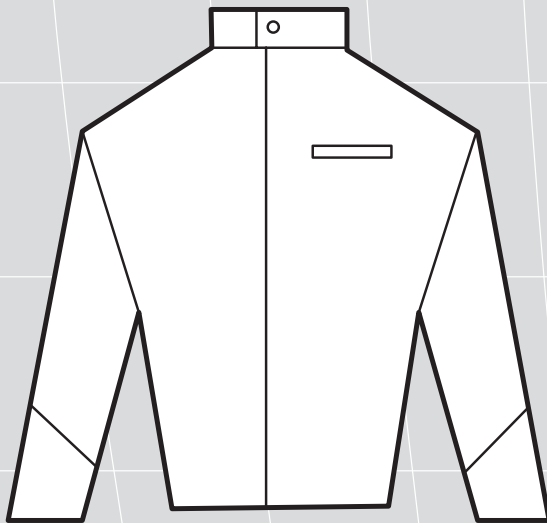
Hint: You may need to read on for some of the answers!

# ACROSS THE COUNTRY CROSSWORD



## COLOUR ME IN!

Think your jacket rocks? Cut it out and send it in to our address (found on pg. 16) and we'll put yours in a Trot 4 Kids issue for everyone to see!



# ARE WE THERE YET?

Being a professional Harness Racing Driver requires a lot of traveling, and boy can those long trips be boring. Here are some fun puzzles and other things to do while on your way to your next destination!

**HORSE**   **RACETRACK**   **HAY**   **HARNESS**   **HELMET**

**PAARD**   **SELE**   **KAPPLÖPNING SPÅR**   **STURZHELM**   **HELM**

**HÖ**   **RENNEN SIE SPUR**   **GAREEL**   **HØY**   **HÄST**

**GESCHIRR**   **HJELM**   **HEST**   **SELA**   **LÖP OM KAPP SPOR**

**HJÄLM**   **HOOI**   **HEU**   **REN WEG**   **PFERD**

**SAY WHAT?** Translate the English Harness Racing term by matching the word bubbles of the same shape. Once done, check out the colour to learn what language you're speaking in!

NORWEGIAN

GERMAN

SWEDISH

DUTCH

# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS

# WORLD IS

A PHOTO JOURNAL  
OF WILLIE WIN'S  
TRAVELS AROUND  
THE WORLD.



GERMANY



NEW ZEALAND

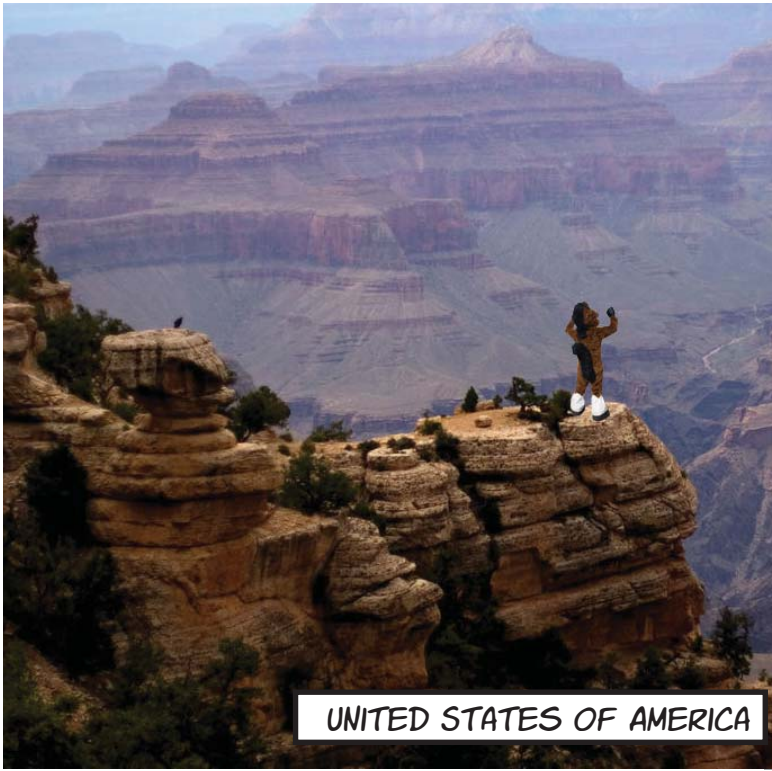


AUSTRALIA



BELGIUM





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



HUNGARY



CANADA



DENMARK



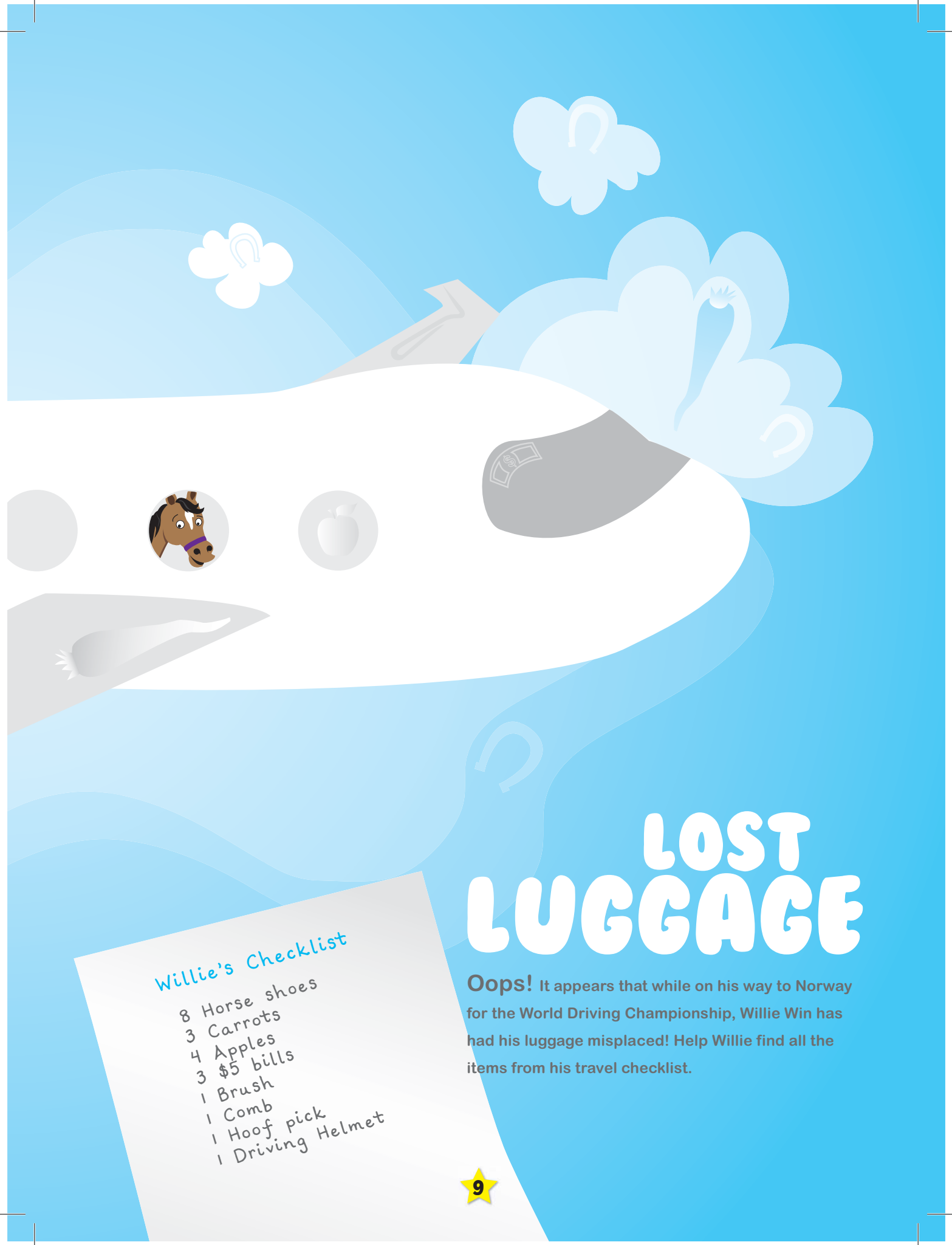
NORWAY



SWEDEN







# LOST LUGGAGE

**Oops!** It appears that while on his way to Norway for the World Driving Championship, Willie Win has had his luggage misplaced! Help Willie find all the items from his travel checklist.

## Willie's Checklist

- 8 Horse shoes
- 3 Carrots
- 4 Apples
- 3 \$5 bills
- 1 Brush
- 1 Comb
- 1 Hoof pick
- 1 Driving Helmet

# WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVER PROFILES



GARETH RATTRAY



## AUSTRALIA

Life Wins	2008 Wins
n/a	113

Age: 23

Hometown: Tasmania, Australia.

WDC Colours: Red, White and Blue

Fact: The most famous harness race in Australia is called the Inter Dominion.

## CANADA



BRAD FORWARD

Age: 38

Hometown: Woodstock, ON.

WDC Colours: Red and White

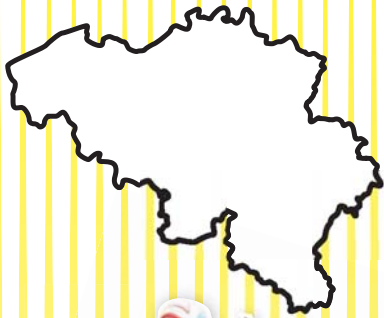
Life Wins	2008 Wins
3237	582

Fact: Harness racing is popular all over Canada. Many Canadian drivers and trainers are considered the best in the world and earn millions of dollars a year!



# BELGIUM

## CHRISTOPHE MARTENS



Age: 37  
Hometown: Ghlin, Belgium.  
WDC Colours: Red, Yellow and Black  
Christophe won the World Driving Championship in 2007.

Life Wins	2008 Wins
2264	21



Fact: The Famous show jumper "Big Ben" was born in Belgium



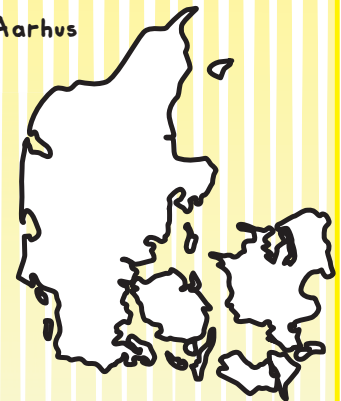
# DENMARK

## BIRGER JÖRGENSEN

Age: 51  
Hometown: Jydsk Væddeløbsbane, Aarhus  
WDC Colours: Red and White

Life Wins	2008 Wins
2173	68

Fact: Wild horses were brought to Langeland Island, Denmark to keep the grass on the island short and clean, now these famous horses are a tourist attraction!



The World Driving Championship happens bi-annually (every other year) and draws drivers from all around the world who come to compete to be crowned World Champion. Canada has taken home top honours 5 times in the past 40 years, the most recent win coming in 2001 when Jody Jamieson traveled to Finland to represent his country.

# GERMANY

ROLAND HÜLSKATH



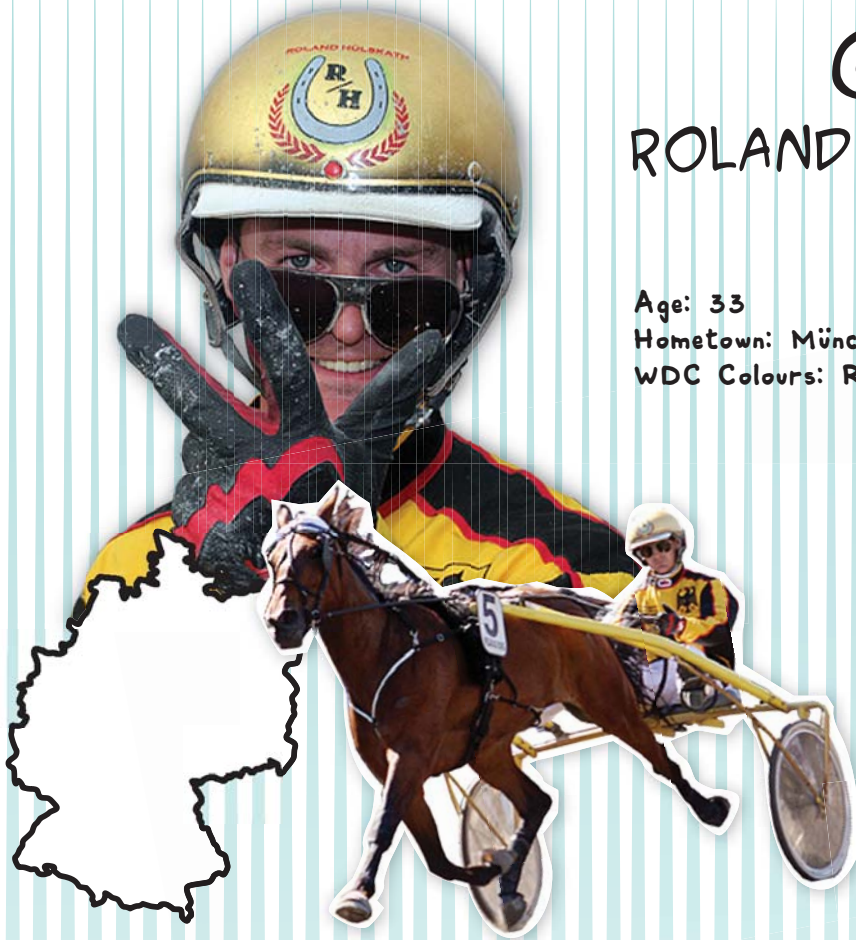
Age: 33

Hometown: Münchengladbach, Germany

WDC Colours: Red, Yellow and Black

Life Wins	2008 Wins
2173	68

Fact: Did you Know you can take a riding holiday through Germany, ride through the Blackforest and visit famous castles on horseback?



# HUNGARY



IMRE FAZEKAS

Age: 52

WDC Colours: Red, White and Green

Life Wins	2008 Wins
1246	28

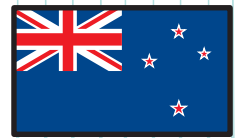
Fact: Hungary has a cool set of stamps put out by its post office that features eight different horse pictures.



The 2009 World Driving Championship will take place at five different racetracks in Norway. The competition starts in Bergen Travpark and finishes at Bjerke Racetrack in Oslo. A minimum of 20 races shall be conducted and the driver with the highest point total based on his finishing positions in each WDC race will be crowned the champion!

# NEW ZEALAND

## PETER FERGUSON



Hometown: Cambridge, New Zealand  
WDC Colours: Red White and Blue

Life Wins	2008 Wins
1412	110

Fact: Canada and the United States regularly import horses from New Zealand. When those horses race in North America you are able to tell they came from "down under" because they have an "N" after their names.



# NORWAY

## EIRIK HØITOMT



Age: 40  
Hometown: Jarlsberg, Norway  
WDC Colours: Red White and Blue

Life Wins	2008 Wins
2213	144

Fact: The Fjord horse which are native to Norway, are often found in the mountains. These short stocky horses were domesticated over 3000 years ago and are considered one of the world's oldest breeds.



In Europe they race both pacers and trotters, however in Norway they race only trotters, so some of these drivers will need to brush up on their Trotting skills. In total there are 10 drivers competing in the 2009 World Driving Championship, which will begin on May 14th and end on May 20th.

# SWEDEN



## BJÖRN GOOP

Age: 32  
 Hometown: Åby, Sweden  
 WDC Colours: Blue and Yellow

Life Wins	2008 Wins
3104	228

Fact: A Dala horse is a traditional wooden statuette of a horse originating in the Swedish province of Dalarna. It was once used mostly as a toy for children, but nowadays it is sometimes used as a symbol for the whole of Sweden.



# U.S.A

## JASON BARTLETT

Age: 27  
 Hometown: Goshen, New York  
 WDC Colours: Red White and Blue



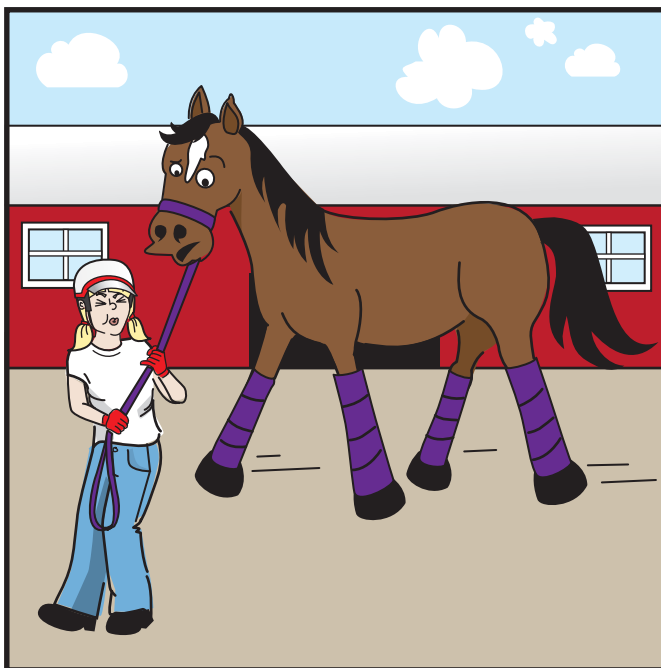
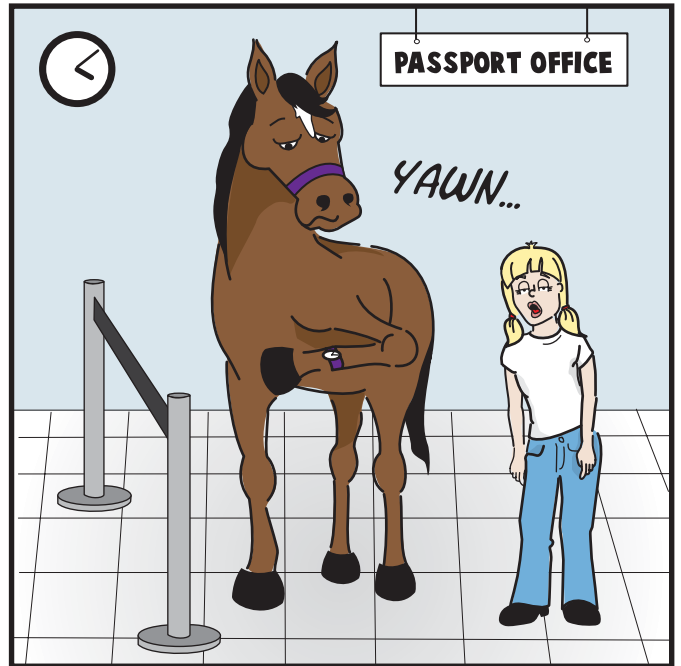
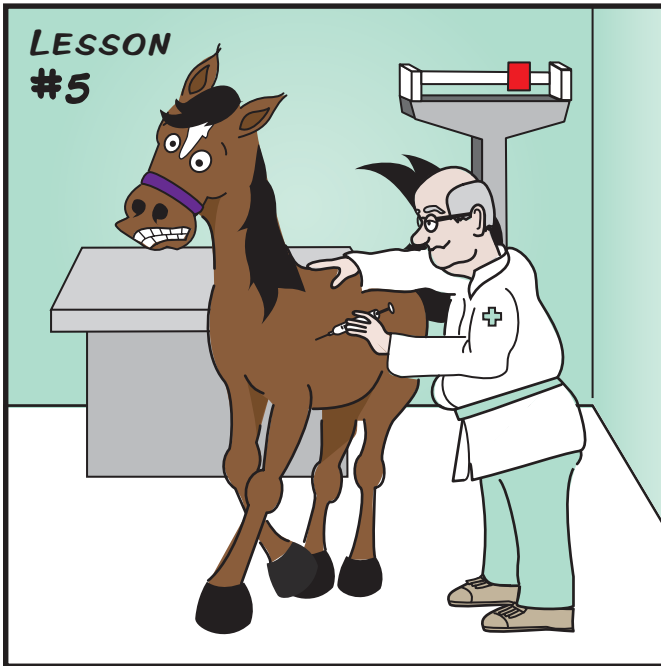
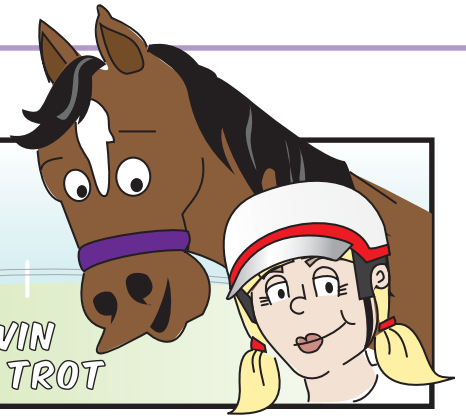
Life Wins	2008 Wins
2661	657

Fact: Jason Bartlett's hometown of Goshen, NY, is the home of the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame.

# WILLIE'S WOES

"LESSONS ON PROPER HORSE CARE"

STARRING WILLIE WIN  
& TAYLOR TROT

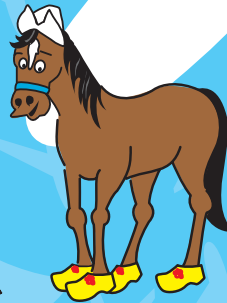
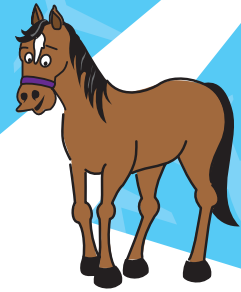
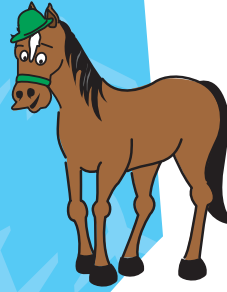
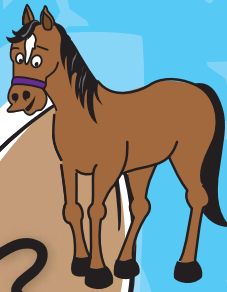


Follow horse travel rules and precautions

\*BEFORE TRAVELING WITH YOUR HORSE, MAKE SURE TO HAVE ALL HIS PAPERS AND VACCINATIONS UP TO DATE, AND BANDAGE UP HIS LEGS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM WHILE ON THE ROAD.

Which one is Willie Win?

Willie Win?



Below: Hugo Valiquette, age 2, from Brownsburg, Quebec making friends.

Right: Kristina Menard, 11 years old and 6 year old pacer Katies Gun, horsing around at Northlands Park.

Turns out that Willie Win has cousins all around the world! Spot the matching REAL Willie Wins in the bunch!



## From the Mailbox!

Send your photo, drawing or poem along with your name, age, and address, to [trotKids@standardbredcanada.ca](mailto:trotKids@standardbredcanada.ca) or mail to Trot 4 Kids, 2150 Meadowvale Blvd., Mississauga, ON L5N 6R6.