



We often talk about Canada's "little iron horse" and, deservedly so, mean the Canadian breed, but we have our own "little horses of iron" right here in Alberta. Anyone driving across Morley Flats, the last piece of open ground before the Rockies on the Trans Canada Highway, has likely seen the horses out grazing on the dry, yellowed grass. These horses come in all sizes and shapes but many show signs of draft blood, evidenced by their often feathered feet, stocky build, thick bone and wild manes. They can be seen fending for themselves out on the windswept prairie in all weather and at all times of year. These are tough and hardy animals.

Jesse is a 25 year old buckskin gelding acquired back in 1994 by YMCA Camp Chief Hector. In his file, the seller is listed simply as "Morley reserve horse". To look at him, he has the same, thick and stocky build, with some feathering about the fetlocks, yet he is light and athletic on his feet. He is, in fact, something of a legend in the YMCA herd.



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