



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

Cobourg's Cassandra Jeschke taking run a leading jockey title, wins 3 on Family Fun Day

Ajax Downs, August 20, 2017 - Upwards of 1,500 children visited Ajax Downs on Sunday for the track's annual Family Fun Day benefiting the Rouge Valley Ajax/Picking Hospital. It was non-stop fun and games from 10 a.m. when the gates opened, beginning with running races for the kids out of the Quarter Horse starting gates on the main track.

There was also day-long entertainment from Dan the Music Man, exotic animals, face painting and a popular watermelon-eating contest.

On track, **Cassandra Jeschke**, from Cobourg, ON, won three of the seven races to get within one victory of the leading jockey title. Jeschke, who only started her career four years ago, has 19 wins in 67 races, just one win shy of Ramiro Castillo, who has ridden 100 races and won 20 of them.

There is a special Twilight racing afternoon **Thursday Aug. 24 (post time 3:45p.m.)** including a **Handicapping Contest** for fans with a chance to win cash prizes and earn a spot in the final on Oct. 23, offering a \$2,000 prize to the winner.

LEADING JOCKEYS AT AJAX DOWNS (through Aug. 20)

Jockey #Mounts 1st 2nd 3rd Purse Earnings

Ramiro Castillo	100	20	17	20	\$170,962	
Cassandra Jeschke	67		19	11	10	\$138,712
Tony Phillips	91		18	18	20	\$177,916
Brian Bell	72		18	10	4	\$172,992
Chelsey Willick	102	17	20	14	\$165,705	

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(Photo- Beauty and the Beast made an appearance at Family Fun Day at Ajax Downs)

