

# Canadian Belgian *Youth* Program

**Reserve Champion Senior Category - Central Division**  
**Leighanne Swance, Salford, Ontario**



My name is Leighanne Swance, I am 18 years old. I have been showing Belgian draft horses for the past five years. During these years I have worked with two wonderful families. Currently I am the 2010 Ontario Belgian Horse Association (OBHA)

Ambassador. My duties as the Ambassador include; traveling to designated fairs and shows, to present ribbons to the exhibitors. Along with presenting ribbons I socialized with exhibitors of all the draft breeds which helps to promote the OBHA. When I have travelled to fairs I have participated in Sr. Showmanship. I have worked very hard this year to improve in my showmanship skills and my driving skills. I have seen a big improvement in my showing; it is reflected through my placing from shows. I am very happy to note that because of my placing, I have placed second in Ontario for the Sr. Showmanship points program. Showing has been very influential in my life. I not only see horses as a fun project, but I see them as companions and best friends. I hope that one day I can be a future exhibitor with my own hitch!

For a list of the shows Leighanne participated in, please see the Spring 2011 Banner