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Inaugural HUNTFEST a huge success, drawing over 12,000 to Canada's Biggest Hunting Event.

(Edmonton, AB – May 11, 2009) — Alberta has a new reason to celebrate in August, as the dust settles on the inaugural year of Canada's Biggest Hunting Festival, HUNTFEST 2009. After clearing out the Twin Rinks at the River Cree Resort & Casino, staff, exhibitors and attendees alike can look back and celebrate a huge success for the hunting industry.

Over 12,000 people attended the first time event, from locations all across Canada. Whether it was to check out the on-site hunting experts such as Ralph & Vicki Cianciarulo, Cody Robbins, or Les Johnson from Predator Quest, to stop by the Cooking Demo Stage for a tasty sample from Hunt.Fish.Cook and the Game Gourmet, or to just browse through the latest gear from the top names in the industry, there was plenty for everyone to see!

The ATV track gave a chance to ride along in the latest models and Parkland Bowbenders Archery Course was packed all weekend, putting over 700 kids through the practice lanes. Chris David and the guys from Hunting Chronicles; Jason & Kevin Spent and Lain Roth rounded out the Speakers Stage line up.

“Feedback from everyone, including the public and our exhibitors was overwhelmingly positive, it was everything we could have asked for in a first year show.” said Shaun Vlodych, Show Manager for HUNTFEST. “Our phone has been ringing off the hook with companies, clubs and celebrities who want to come on board in 2010.”

When asked about rumors of the show going cross-Canada, Shaun gave HUNTFEST and Wild TV fans something to look forward to. “There is definitely potential for this event to go nationwide, with a strong possibility of multiple cities for 2010. Keep watching Wild TV to see the latest updates this fall.”

HUNTFEST Show Management is proud to be in partnership with the top companies in the hunting industry. The inaugural HUNTFEST was proudly supported by the Alberta Conservation Association, Trijicon Inc., Leica, Shaw Direct and Western Sportsman Magazine.

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