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Kyla Jansen of Little Current, Ontario, was one of the first horse owners to try Frostfree Nosepumps. Jansen operates a riding stable on her farm and also boards 30 to 35 horses year 'round.

Jansen's family had been using a somewhat similar system for their cattle. However, the pump they used sat on the ground and was supplied by a hose that ran to a pond. The pump was difficult for cattle to push, and the exposed hose would freeze in cold weather. She decided she needed something better for her horses.

Jansen installed her first Frostfree Nosepump 15 years ago and a second one 10 years ago, and plans to soon install a third system. “These pumps have far exceeded my expectations,” she says.

Jim Anderson of Rimbey, Alberta invented Frostfree Nosepumps for his cattle back in the 1990's. They're still being built on the family farm, and today there are more than 2,000 in use across North America.

They use geothermal heat to operate without freezing. The animal pushes on a paddle within the drinking hood to reach water that pools at the back of the bowl. As the paddle moves to the back, the pump brings up about one pint of water. Once the animal is finished drinking, the paddle retracts to the forward position, leaving the bowl nearly empty.

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