

## The Equine Safety Net

### A TEMPORARY EQUINE FEED PROGRAM

You own some great horses; you show them locally and the Midwest. Your salary pays for their feed, vaccinations and farrier work. Suddenly the unthinkable happens: the company you work for is sold to a foreign owner and a reorganization leaves you without a job. Your skills are specialized so landing a similar job will take months.

Meanwhile, you are running short on hay. You know the horses are due for worming. On top of all that, your car payment is due!

The Kentucky Horse Council Equine Safety Net program will help you! Designed to help people who lose a job suddenly or who have a medical problem and are unable to work, the Equine Safety Net Program will feed two horses for 30 days. Our hope is that within that 30 days, the individual will be able to either find another job, go back to work, or find a place for the horses where they will be fed and cared for.

If you are eligible for this assistance, please contact the KY Horse Council office. You must provide evidence of your situation, as well as proof that you have given your horses adequate feed and vet care prior to the loss of income. You must also volunteer eight hours of work to the KHC in some equine event or activity.

More information about the program can be found at:  
[www.kentuckyhorse.org/safety\\_net.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/safety_net.shtml)  
Or call the office with your questions.



SEE PAGE 8 FOR IPOD CONTEST INFORMATION



### How to Apply for the Equine Safety Net

Contact the Kentucky Horse Council office at 859-367-0509 (or 800-459-4677), at which time we will verify eligibility.

If you are eligible, complete the application forms found at [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org), or we can mail them to you.

### Eligibility Requirements for Equine Safety Net

1. Must have lost job or had medical emergency in the last 90 days.
2. Must be able to prove that you have been providing good care for your horses prior to this time.

### Pastures Burning Up? Got Hay?

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## Back Country Horsemen of Kentucky

### New organization forms

With the support of the Kentucky Horse Council, Kentucky now joins the ranks of many other states in establishing an affiliate of the Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA). BCHA is a well known and well-respected organization which is dedicated to preserving the historical use of recreational stock in the back country commensurate with our heritage.

Members of Back Country Horsemen spend countless hours annually working on the trails for public agencies. In many cases this is the only way to keep some of the trails open for the use of stock.

In light of budget cuts in both the U.S. Forest Service (Daniel Boone National Forest) and the National Parks System (Mammoth Cave National Park), trails are threatened due to lack of funds for maintenance.

BCH helps by volunteering to clear and improve trails, relieving the pressure on land managers to consider closing trails due to poor conditions.

If you would like to help with this service as well as meet some fellow Kentuckians in caring for our trails, please contact Dennis Blackburn at (859) 613-2665 or [hardrockfarm@gmail.com](mailto:hardrockfarm@gmail.com).

### BCH-KY

#### FIRST TRAIL WORK DAY

BCHK will be joining the Friends of the Trail (see below) on a work day at Clay Wildlife Management Area on Labor Day weekend, September 1-2. Clay Wildlife is located on the Licking River in Nicholas and Fleming Counties.

Contact Dennis Blackburn at (859) 613-2665 or [hardrockfarm@gmail.com](mailto:hardrockfarm@gmail.com) for more information.

#### NEED A NEW NAME!!!

**Trail-Trotters** was the name of a day where organizations maintained horse trails. AQHA is interested in a new name and there is a cash prize for the winner. Send your ideas to [info@kentuckyhorse.org!](mailto:info@kentuckyhorse.org)

# What is the Kentucky Horse Council TRAILS COMMITTEE??

### Who is on the committee?

The Trails Committee is composed of representatives from all major trail groups:

- Friends of the Trail
- KRTA (Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority)
- Mammoth Cave Equestrians
- Northern KY Horse Network
- KTRA (Kentucky Trail Riders Association)
- TREK (Trail Riding Equestrians of Kentucky)
- AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association)

### What does the committee do?

The KY Horse Council acts as an umbrella organization to coordinate activities between trail groups, to financially support projects, to provide statewide education for all trail users, and to provide a way for all trail groups to network together and communicate with each other.

### How can my club be involved?

If you are a trail riding club and would like to join in, please contact the Trail Committee chair, Jennifer Truax, at [jtruax@aol.com](mailto:jtruax@aol.com) or (502) 722-5694

### 4-H Competitive Trail Ride Program

The Western Kentucky 4-H Trail Ride will be held on October 13, 2007 at Cadiz, Kentucky, riding through the Land Between the Lakes area. In order to compete in this trail ride, a 4-H member must attend a Competitive Trail Ride Clinic on September 29th, at McLean County.

Awards will be given at the end of the year to participants and high point winners.

For more information, contact Kristen Harvey, Equine Extension Associate, at UK, 859-257-7501 or [kjanicki@uky.edu](mailto:kjanicki@uky.edu).

### Adopt-A-Trail

A NEW program to aid in keeping trails in good shape: Saddle Clubs can now Adopt-A-Trail in their area, which means they assume care and maintenance for a year or longer. Contact Jennifer at [truaxwh@aol.com](mailto:truaxwh@aol.com) or (502) 722-5694. More information in next newsletter!

## Note from the KHC President

Well, my letter to the membership has been relegated to somewhere in the middle of this newsletter, and I could not be more pleased. You will find this newsletter full of important information - from our newly announced Safety Net program to membership opportunities and resources to help with the hay concerns we all face. I hope you find the information useful and will share information about the Kentucky Horse Council with others in your equine community.



The Kentucky Horse Council has shown tremendous growth and energy in the past 6 months. I am excited to be the one holding that lead line right now and honored to work with a board and staff so committed to our goals. If you are not a member, I hope you will consider this an invitation to join. We want your active participation in our committees as we continue to develop a horse council that you can be proud to be a member of.

*Madelyn Millard, President  
Waterwild Farm*

## MORE TRAIL NEWS

[www.kytrailriding.com](http://www.kytrailriding.com)



### FRIENDS OF THE TRAIL WORK CREWS

The purpose of Friends of the Trail is to provide volunteer trail work on Kentucky trails as well as locate funding to assist trail maintenance work. This group is part of the Kentucky Horse Council. Anyone is welcome and there is no fee to join. **NEXT WORK DAY IS SEPT. 1 AT CLAY WILDLIFE FARM.** Visit [kytrailriding.com](http://kytrailriding.com) for more info, or call Buck at (606) 663-5754.

### FOR SALE - FRIENDS OF THE TRAIL T-SHIRTS

BRIGHT safety green with black writing, all sizes, \$10.00. Proceeds to benefit trail upkeep & maintenance. Go to [kytrailriding.com/tshirts.shtml](http://kytrailriding.com/tshirts.shtml)

### Other Trail Bits...

National Public Lands Day is September 29, 2007. Visit [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org)

### REPORT YOUR TRAIL HOURS!!

If you have spent time this year clearing or maintaining trails, please report your hours to Jennifer Truax or the KY Horse Council office. We are maintaining logs of the work, sending them to the National Forests and Parks, where they get credit for volunteer hours. There are also local and national awards for people working on trails.

### Keep trails accessible for disabled individuals

The Access Board, Washington, DC has just announced an important step in the process to establish rules for building accessible trails. A "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (NPRM) has just been published in the Federal Register, which triggers a 90-day public comment period. **The deadline for comment is October 18, 2007.**

The NPRM provides guidance on the design and construction of newly constructed and altered trails, outdoor recreation access routes, picnic and camping facilities, and beach access routes.

For more information, visit <http://www.americantrails.org/g/resources/accessible/index>.

### *Let Freedom Ride!*

**KY AQHA RIDE 2007**

**SEPTEMBER 13-16**

**Willow Creek Outpost and Campground.** \$50 / Adult includes the Ride, PLUS Entertainment, Goodie Bag, Breakfast and Dinner on Saturday. Contact: Mardy Smith, 2746 Wilsonville Road, Fisherville, KY 40023. [mardylou@bellsouth.net](mailto:mardylou@bellsouth.net)

## “Experience The Horse!”

*A new event for non-horse owners to get up close and personal with horses*

On October 6, Georgetown, Kentucky will host the 26th annual “Festival of the Horse”, complete with two horse parades and a street fair. But for the first time this year, the Kentucky Horse Council is spearheading an event to introduce more “hands-on” experiences with horses. Partnering with \_\_\_\_\_, the “Experience the Horse” attraction will feature a bus tour of local Thoroughbred farms where information about the horse industry will educate the general public, followed by a hands-on exhibit at the Scott County fairgrounds where visitors can pet, lead and groom representative horses from Kentucky’s major breeds. There will also be a Horse Games Competition in the fairgrounds arena to demonstrate the fun way youth can enjoy



their horses, and information displays about Trails, 4-H, Pony Club, Owing Responsibly, Land Conservation, etc.

This event is a result of the KHC All Breeds Council meeting this spring, when breed representatives expressed concern that less people were getting involved in horses, and that we needed to introduce the horse to the general public in fun and safe ways.

**Volunteers are still needed! (Free T-Shirt!)** For a fun day of sharing the horse with those who are not lucky enough to own one, contact the Horse Council at 859-367-0509 or [info@kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:info@kentuckyhorse.org).

## Grant Provides Computers for North American Racing Academy Students

A successful racing career as a jockey does not always come to someone who simply knows how to ride a good race. A successful career, as in any other endeavor, means having the business knowledge to manage and access information. It also means understanding business fundamentals and using current computer technologies as a tool.

To assist the North American Racing Academy (NARA) in providing these skills to their racing students, the Kentucky Horse Council awarded a grant of \$16,000 for a classroom of computers.

Chris McCarron, Executive Director of NARA, reacted with excitement to the grant award. “This computer classroom will



provide our students access to the internet, analytical software, and the ability to hone their computer technology into their career. We know that this experience will make a great difference in their futures.”

For more information about NARA, visit [nara.kctcs.edu](http://nara.kctcs.edu)

For more information on the KY Horse Council grant program, visit [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org).

## KHC Scholarship Recipients Announced

Each year, the Kentucky Horse Council, working with the Race for Education organization, awards six \$1000 scholarships to Kentucky students who are studying any equine subject. The areas of study may include 4-year programs such as Equine Science, or 2-year programs such as a Vet Tech studies, or other industry areas such as Racing/Jockey school or Farrier School.

Three of the scholarships are given in the spring, and three in the fall.

We are pleased to announce the following spring scholarship recipients:

**Mackenzie Brewer**, Hazel Green, Kentucky. Mackenzie will be attending the University of Kentucky majoring in Animal Science with a Pre-Vet Option.

**Christina Campbell**, Elizabethtown, KY. Christina is currently attending Midway College pursuing a degree in Equine Business.

**Rebecca Lloyd**, Corinth, KY. Rebecca is attending the University of Kentucky majoring in Equine Production/Management.

For more information about the KHC Scholarship Programs, visit [kentuckyhorse.org](http://kentuckyhorse.org).

### NEED AN EQUINE “WARNING” SIGN FOR YOUR BARN?

We have them!! Contact the KHC Office. Price is \$10 (\$5 for members) plus \$2.50 S/H

## The Equine Parentage Testing and Research Lab

Established in 1986, the Equine Parentage Testing and Research Lab initially offered bloodtyping, the standard procedure at the time, as a means to identify horses and verify that the reported sire and dam for a foal indeed qualified as such.

Although the lab still provides bloodtyping services, there is a definite preference for DNA testing on the 30,000+ samples the lab is expected to process this year. DNA testing can be done from mane or tail hair samples rather than the blood samples that required special handling and often a veterinarian's assistance to obtain.

Most testing is performed through our contracts with over 40 breed regis-

tries, but the lab also provides blood and DNA testing services to individuals and veterinarians.

In addition to the standard DNA profiling, advances in equine genetics has enabled the lab to offer specific genetic testing for horse coat colors. The panel of tests currently offered includes E locus (black/red), Agouti (black/bay), Cream Dilution, Sabino, Tobiano, Silver Dapple and OLWS (Overo Lethal White Syndrome).

Bloodtyping services include bloodtyping for parentage and donor compatibility as well as testing mares for neonatal isoerythrolysis antibodies that may endanger their unborn foals. The lab also provides red cell typing reagents to veterinary clinics that

wish to perform their own NI screenings.

Additional information can be found on the lab's website:

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/ServEPVL.asp>

or by calling 859-257-1165.



**No rain, no hay.**

**No rain, no pastures.**

It's a dilemma for all of us this summer in Kentucky. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture and UK have some information regarding hay sources.



**KY Dept. of Ag Hay Hotline:**  
1-888-567-9589

**KDA Hay Webpage:**  
<http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/forage/HayForageDroughtRelief.htm>



The UK Extension Service also provides information related to the drought and forages --

<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/>

### **HAY STRETCHER**

**Southern States** has introduced Reliance Hay Stretcher which is a pelleted feed and hay substitute for mature horses with maintenance requirements. Contact your local So. States dealer or call Jeff Warring at 352-209-9847.

Updates on hay are on the KY Horse Council Hay page at:  
[www.kentuckyhorse.org/hay.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/hay.shtml)

## AllTech World Equestrian Games 2010

### **Seven new board members have been added to the current 10-member board**

**Sam Barnes**—President and CEO of Fifth Third Bank, Kentucky, Inc.

**Becky Jordan**—Ms. Jordan is an avid reining enthusiast and mother of Lyndsey Jordan, a two-time world champion NHRA reiner and USEF reining champion.

**John Long**—CEO of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport.

**Everett McCorvey**—Director of the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre Program and a professor of voice at the University.

**Jack Smith**—Mr. Smith is a long-time Lexingtonian and avid horseman. Smith founded Hunter Manufacturing.

**Joe Terry**—Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl Law Firm. His practice includes general business and corporate law, banking, and sports marketing among others.

**Karen Tingle-Sames**—Mayor of Georgetown, Kentucky. She has been active in community planning efforts as they relate to the 2010 Games due to the proximity of Georgetown to the Kentucky Horse Park.

### **Driving Course Designer Announced**

Mr. Richard Nicoll has been announced as the driving course designer for AllTech WEG 2010. Nicoll began designing and building courses in 1976 and has been working with carriages and horses since 1970. He competed with pairs and singles, and is currently the Director of the Coach & Livestock Department of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Williamsburg, Va.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org)**

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# Horses Help Soldiers Heal

- By Cappy Tosetti

Stars and stripes stitched into their saddle pads seem fitting for a team of horses helping wounded soldiers back from Iraq and Afghanistan. They wear the colors proudly, doing their part in the recovery process that affects so many young men and women fighting for our country in the ravages of war.

The horses, five giant Percherons, that usually pull the caissons for military funerals and events with the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Fort Meyer, Virginia, have been hand-picked to participate in a new therapeutic riding program for amputees at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Their job is to help the soldiers with prosthetic legs regain mobility and strength. Their efforts are working, so much so, the doctors and therapists at the hospital are recording successful results faster than ever imagined. Besides improved mobility and stamina, the soldiers are experiencing better coordination, improved muscle control and range-of-motion. The twice-weekly sessions help with core strengthening of the lower back and hips while taking pressure and pain off the end of amputated limbs.

The emotional benefits also ring true, giving each soldier a sense of accomplishment, increased self esteem and the feeling of control, something they've obviously lost in combat along with their limbs. They're also having fun outside in the fresh air.

There are smiles, sometimes for the first time in many months,

when they're up there on the backs of those gentle giants. Natasha, a young woman from Ohio who lost her left leg earlier this year, was one who couldn't seem to muster up any emotion until she began participating in the program. At first she was dubious because she had never been around horses and had no clue at all about riding. But, that soon changed when she met Minnie, a pure white Percheron with the sweetest disposition and gentlest gait. The two bonded immediately, and soon Natasha was smiling all the time, exclaiming with great delight, "With Minnie, I feel like I have two legs. I don't think about my injury or the pain anymore. I feel like a kid again – I'm free as a bird!"

Thanks to therapeutic horse-back riding, Natasha is jubilant and determined to succeed as she recovers and moves forward in life with plans and dreams of becoming an equine veterinarian. She already has a beautiful framed photo of Minnie that will grace the wall next to her veterinary diploma someday.

Others in the program also feel strongly about the horses, especially Wiley, a solid black Percheron that happens to be blind in one eye. His ability to forge ahead in spite of his own handicap is a source of great admiration and inspiration. He's learned to adapt and embrace life with great joy, which helps the soldiers deal with the darkness that falls upon the wounded.

The medical team at Walter Reed has embraced the program wholeheartedly; realizing horses

are an important part of the healing process. With their success and documented results, 14 veteran's hospitals across the country have followed in their footsteps, starting their own programs in conjunction with local therapeutic riding facilities. The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) has also established a nation-wide program, *Horses for Heroes*, for American's wounded service personnel and veterans. It's a perfect match, for NARHA already promotes equine assisted activities at more than 700 member centers in the United States and Canada, helping individuals with special needs gain greater independence through their involvement with horses. Many NARHA sites are already participating in the *Horses for Heroes* program, with more facilities anticipating a start date soon.

As long as mankind goes to war, these mighty animals will continue to help. They may not be out in the trenches, but they're waiting patiently at home, holding the soldiers high – on their backs and in their hearts.

For more information on the therapeutic riding program at Walter Reed Army Hospital, contact Command Sergeant Major Larry Pence, U.S. Army retired: [lpence@caci.com](mailto:lpence@caci.com). To learn more about NARHA, *Horses for Heroes*: contact the association at: [www.narha.org](http://www.narha.org) (800) 369-RIDE.

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[www.drafthorsejournal.com](http://www.drafthorsejournal.com)

# Kentucky International Equine Summit 2008

April 28-29, 2008  
Radisson Plaza Hotel,  
Lexington, KY

The Equine Industry Program at the University of Louisville is sponsoring the Kentucky International Equine Summit in April, 2008.

Three subject tracks on which the summit plans to focus are:

- 1) The Well-being of the Competitive Horse
- 2) The Emerging Science of Horse Breeding
- 3) The Equine Economy of the 21st Century

**Contact:**

Equine Industry Program  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY 40292  
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## Goals of the Kentucky International Equine Summit 2008

- 1) To bring positive, widespread horse-related attention to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and especially as a complement to the World Equestrian Games to be hosted in 2010;
- 2) To further the goals, and raise the profiles, of the world-class equine-oriented educational and research programs of the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky;
- 3) To function as an ecumenical gathering for leaders from a wide variety of horse breeds and sport uses, thereby to enhance cooperation and communication within the industry;
- 4) To draw visitors to the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky during a most appealing time of the year, and in conjunction with other important events related to the horse industry; and,
- 5) To bring experts together to discuss four significant challenges facing the horse industry; potential problems for which political action, whether state or federal, are not required.



### CLASSIFIED ADS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE KHC WEBSITE!!

[www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org)

**Categories include:**

Horses for Sale  
Horses Wanted  
Tack and Equipment for Sale  
Horse Property

**PRICES:**

\$20 for 50 words and one picture.  
(\$30 for non-members) Unlimited posting time.

Submit the ads through the website or send in the mail.

**BANNER ADS TO BE OFFERED LATER THIS YEAR.**

## Newsletter DISPLAY RATES

\$30 per column inch.  
One column is 2 1/8" wide.  
Send camera-ready PDF files in black and white only, 200 dpi.

### Can Our Horse Club Join the Kentucky Horse Council??

If your horse club or association joins the Kentucky Horse Council, the club can:

Purchase Insurance for liability protection at all of its events through Equi-Sure, a major national equine insurance company

Get \$10 cash back from the Council for every member who joins the Horse council as an individual

Get free website hosting for up to an eight page site

Receive first consideration for complimentary tickets or participation in new programs from the Horse Council.

Association dues are \$50 for the year and are renewable in January.

Apply online at [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org) or print an application from the website and send with a check.

### Send Your Stories, Pictures & Ads

We love to hear from members, see pictures of your horses, and read about your experiences. Call or email if you have a story! Deadlines for the next two issues are:

**September: August 31**

**November: October 31**

The wise man said, "It can't be done." The fool came and did it.

--Folk Zen

## Reserve the Dates for the KHC Annual Meeting!

### IN LEXINGTON -- November 4th

All Kentucky Horse Council members and guests welcome! Vendor displays, door prizes, speakers, elections, light supper provided. Detailed information will be in the September newsletter.

### Insurance Coverage for KHC Equine Clubs

As an Equine Association member of the Kentucky Horse Council, your club is now eligible for Club Liability policies from Equi-Sure. These policies are designed and priced specifically for Horse Council member clubs and are not offered to the general public. Your club can apply for...

**Competition Policies:** A per-day \$1 Million liability policy when your association hosts an equine competition. Most equine show facilities require this coverage.

**Club Policies:** A policy to provide your club liability protection during all of its non-show activities throughout the year. Pricing based on the types of events you hold (trail rides, parades, drill team demonstrations, etc.)

**Directors and Officers Policies:** To protect your board of directors and officers from assumed liability.

### KHC Photo Contest: Win an iPod Shuffle!!

If you are 13 years old and under (as of January 1, 2007), then you have the opportunity to win an iPod Shuffle with your photo talent and your horse! The contest is open to all youth whose photos of their horse are submitted by a Kentucky Horse Council member. Deadline for submissions is September 15, 2007. For more details and the entry forms, visit [www.kentuckyhorse.org/shuffle.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/shuffle.shtml).



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