

## New HOTLINE for Kentucky Horse Owners

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The Kentucky Horse Council has established a HOTLINE which is a network to connect resources – such as hay, funding for feeding horses, homes for horses – with people in Kentucky who need those resources. For example-

- I have hay that I want to sell; do you know anyone in the area who needs hay?
- I would like to help horses in need, how do I donate?
- I have extra space in my barn to rescue one horse; can I help a horse in distress?
- I need hay, who do you know in my area who has some for sale?
- I found hay but just can't afford to buy it, is there any help for me?
- I need information on switching my horses to pelleted hay replacement, are there any concerns?
- I just can't feed all the horses I have right now, how can I find a home for some of them?



This hotline was suggested at an Emergency Roundtable held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. During that roundtable, participants - including a number of breed, veterinarian, rescue and animal control groups - had a lively and in-depth discussion of our difficult hay and unwanted horse situation in Kentucky. Solutions, problems and difficulties with solving the problems were discussed and this hotline was one of the suggested solutions.

The assistance provided through the hotline will be supported by donations to the SOHO (Save Our Horses) Fund.

Please donate to SOHO online at [http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/SOHO\\_donate.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/SOHO_donate.shtml) or use the form below to send a check.

Please open your heart and support this effort, as we work in the “horse capital of the world” to make sure that every horse counts.

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# Note from the KHC Executive Director

## THINGS COME FULL CIRCLE

Sometimes when the phone rings, it is just another call; but sometimes it is a call that starts a series of events which you would never have predicted.

And so it was that the phone call from a reporter for the L.A. Times (Atlanta bureau) came into the Horse Council office, and started a chain of events that lead to 25 horses being fed in Scott County.

The L.A. Times was doing an article on the effect of the drought on horses in the Southeast. I answered her questions briefly, confirmed that, yes, hay prices were 2-3 times what they normally are during the winter, and yes, that some horses were certainly in distress where owners could not afford to feed them much at such a high cost. And finally that those horses could not be sold due to the drop in auction prices, because of both the hay shortage and the elimination of the slaughter option.

I then recommended she talk to Chris Takas and Melody Muir, who moved from L.A. to Nicholas County and had started a small horse rescue. The L.A. connection might enhance the story.

They were so impacted by Chris and Melody's story that they sent a photographer to the farm, and within a week the Kentucky horse story was on the front page of the Sunday L.A. Times.

In Upstate New York, some horse owners read the L.A. Times story and decided to start a non-profit organization (Fairfield Equine Foundation) to gather donations to help buy hay to help the drought-affected southeast.

The next week, the Kentucky Horse Council held an emergency meeting to address our situation. Attending that meeting was Keith Dane from the Humane Society of the US (HSUS). When he returned from Kentucky, he contacted the Fairfield Equine Foundation about Kentucky's problems.

And in a few days, the Horse Council got a call from New York offering donated hay for our Kentucky horses. And someone in Scott County with too many horses to feed this winter was able to purchase hay at the "normal" price of \$4 a bale, and keep the horses fed for a bit longer.

Full Circle.

*Ginny Grulke, Executive Director*

## TRAIL NEWS [www.kytrailriding.com](http://www.kytrailriding.com)

### GIRLS RIDE OUT at Shaker Village

On April 12-13, the Kentucky Horse Council is sponsoring a small, women-only benefit ride for the Save Our Horses (SOHO) Fund at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg, KY.

The overnight stay includes two rides on Saturday, lodging in the Shaker Village rooms, dinner and breakfast in the restaurant, and another ride on Sunday morning. Shaker Village has offered us a weekend package

that includes the room, meals, and ride fee (stall fees are extra).

Space is limited to 25 participants on a first come, first serve basis; your \$25 registration fee to the Kentucky Horse Council will be donated to the SOHO fund and used to feed or care for neglected horses in Kentucky.

For information on the Shaker Village weekend package or to register, visit



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[www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org) and click on the Shaker Village logo. Or email [chrispfetzer@aol.com](mailto:chrispfetzer@aol.com) [Ride Coordinator] for details or registration.

Participants limited to KHC members.



### Kentucky Redbud Ride April 19, 2008

The Kentucky Redbud Ride, a first-time organized ride in Magoffin County, will be held on April 19, 2008. Come and help us celebrate April as the Month of the Redbud with trail rides, food and more. Details are being worked out, but mark the date on your calendar and watch this newsletter, and [kytrailriding.com](http://kytrailriding.com) for more information.

## Note from the KHC President

I'm trying – I really am trying. Yes, I know that we need the cold to kill the bugs. Yes, I know that we need the cold to make the flowers bloom in the spring. Yes, I know.... but I am really weary of breaking ice, bundling up but still having cold fingers and toes and especially tired of trying to find reasonably priced hay! Okay, now I have that off my chest.

The board of the Kentucky Horse Council held a daylong retreat on January 26 to plan for the coming year. We had a very productive day and I look forward to sharing the results of our discussion over the coming months. The overwhelming consensus of the board is that we must maintain our focus on animal welfare while continuing to act as an information source for the equine community.

As we continue to expand our programs, I encourage each of you to become **actively engaged** in the activities of the Kentucky Horse Council. Our committees are listed on our web site, [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org). If you care passionately about one particular area related to the equine industry and the activities of the Kentucky Horse Council, please get involved. Committee contact information is on the web site or simply contact the office.



And finally, our board meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month and the meetings are always open to members. If you are interested in attending, please telephone the office to learn the time and location of the meeting as we move them around.

Stay warm – really, spring is right around the corner!

*Madelyn Millard, President  
Waterwild Farm*

### NEWS FROM THE SPENCER COUNTY TRAILS GROUP

The Spencer County Trails Group improves existing multi-use trails and adds new trails throughout Spencer County. The group met monthly throughout 2007 and included several guest speakers.

Meetings were held with representatives from the State Park, Fish and Wildlife and Corp of Engineers. They welcomed the efforts of the trail group.

A plan was presented showing a county wide trail system concept connecting the state park trails to downtown Taylorsville, encircling the lake and following waterways throughout the county.

Two work days to make major repairs and clean up the state park trails were a huge success

and involved nearly 70 volunteers and heavy equipment. Additionally, a \$100,000 grant was awarded to Taylorsville Lake State Park to rework the roughly 17 miles of multi use trails.

#### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The trail group will be organizing a huge work day to finish up the work being done at the State Park. They will also be soliciting sponsors for benches and hitching posts, installing signs and markers and cleaning up the trails. They plan to apply for a trail grant to develop a trail around the outside of the flood-wall in downtown Taylorsville. They will also work with Fish and Wildlife, Corp of Engineers and Edgewater to develop a trail from the State Park to the dam

area. They are seeking private property owners to help with connecting the dam trail to downtown.

Other efforts include further development of the Smith farm trails along Brashears Creek to downtown and seeking additional potential park land for the County.

Future plans include further expansion of trails along waterways. There are numerous existing private trails throughout the county. Efforts are being made to map and expand these trails and develop guidelines for incorporating them into a public use trail system.

For more information email: [smokinhooves@yahoo.com](mailto:smokinhooves@yahoo.com).

# Beware of Botulism - Your Horses could be at Risk

By Cappy Tosetti

Just hearing the word *botulism* can send shivers down one's spine, especially if your veterinarian suspects your horse is affected with the deadly Type B Equine Botulism. It's inconceivable seeing a beloved little foal that yesterday was frolicking in the field, now huddled in the corner, shaking with tremors and getting weaker by the moment. Imagine the heartache watching your favorite mare helplessly falling to the ground in a heap. What's going on? What can you do?

Type B Equine Botulism is a form of poisoning caused by the toxin *Clostridium botulinum*. The bacteria are *anaerobic* - thriving without oxygen. They're found in the soil where spores grow and produce a lethal toxin, causing a rapidly progressive, neurological paralyzing disease that can be fatal. Botulism B is sometimes called "Forage Poisoning" in adult horses and "Shaker Foal Syndrome" in foals.

Symptoms include:

- § Muscular tremors, stilted gait
- § Decreased muscle tone of the tail, tongue, eyelids
- § Dilated pupils; failure of the pupil to respond to bright light
- § Difficulty eating and swallowing
- § Progressive muscular weakness
- § Abnormal stance with all four legs close together or lying down
- § Respiratory paralysis that can lead to death within 48 to 72 hours

It's a serious situation. Given the right conditions, the bacterial spores will germinate aggressively, living many years in the soil, contaminating feed and hay that will eventually be consumed by foraging animals – mares and foals being the

most susceptible. The bacteria thrive in decaying vegetated plant material and animal matter that pools and stagnates in standing water and also in rolled bales of hay stored outside and exposed to the elements. Often, rodents and rabbits accidentally get trapped and die in the hay bales, giving toxins the ability to develop and leach out.

Could your farm be at risk? Are there any ponds clouded with sediment or other areas of standing, murky water on your property near your horses' food supply? Do you produce or buy hay harvested in rolled bales? What condition is the hay? Is it dry, leafy and free of dust and mold? Is it stored in a clean and covered area?

With the drought in 2007, hay production in Kentucky will be down this year, so horse owners will have to buy from suppliers across the country in all sorts of climates and conditions. Insist on quality. Inspect every delivery. Send it back if it doesn't pass muster.

Prevention is always wise, but what can a horse owner do if Type B equine botulism is suspected.

**Call your veterinarian immediately!** Once a diagnosis is made, the treatment will consist of administering a very expensive antiserum that's designed to block the toxins within the body. It's not something readily kept on hand. It has to be ordered from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine Whitlock Lab. It's similar to ordering antivenom for snakebite, so time is of essence.

There's a short window of opportunity for administering the antiserum. It will take more than one dose, so the patient will need constant care and treatment. It's a

long and tedious situation that sadly, often ends in death.

Fortunately, there is a USDA approved vaccine called **BotVax B** that's given to pregnant mares, foals, weanlings and yearlings. Older horses may need the vaccine, too, especially in areas where creeks, rivers and ponds have flooded and receded. The best advice is to talk to your veterinarian about this dreaded disease. Ask questions and read about the risks, medical treatment and prevention. Learn more about the vaccine and booster, produced by Neogen Corporation: [www.neogen.com](http://www.neogen.com). Their Animal Safety Division/Life Sciences Division is located in Lexington, KY. There's also a helpful guideline for equine vaccinations at The American Association of Equine Practitioners website: [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

Knowledge and action are paramount when it comes to your horses' health. Hopefully, equine botulism will only be something you read about, avoiding your farm and horses entirely.

A special thank you to the following equine veterinarians in Lexington, KY for their time and help. Doug Byars, DVM, ACVIM, Robert E. Holland Jr., DVM, Ph.D, Fernanda C. Camargo-Stutzman, DVM, Ph.D



# Tidbits

✓ The Race for Education **Scholarship Applications** for 2008/2009 school year are due February 28, 2008. For more information call 859-252-8648 or visit [www.racingscholarships.com](http://www.racingscholarships.com).

✓ The American Halter Horse Association officially opened Sept. 1st 2007. The newest Association would like to welcome halter

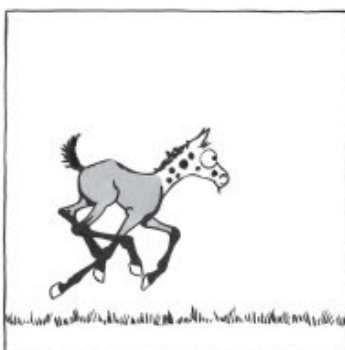
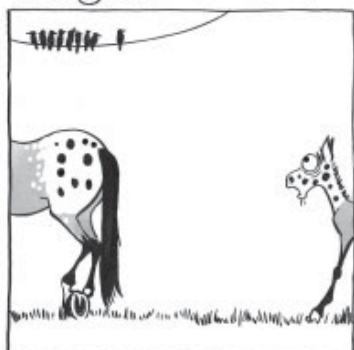
breeders, trainers, exhibitors and enthusiasts to check out the available programs and services. For more information visit: [www.halterhorse.org](http://www.halterhorse.org).

✓ The Kentucky Horse Park was honored with the 2007 Special Eclipse Award from the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), National Turf Writers Association (NTWA), and the Daily

Racing Form. The Eclipse Award steering committee believed that the Kentucky Horse Park was deserving of the Special Award for its extraordinary contribution and dedication to the Thoroughbred industry. For more information on Eclipse Awards visit

✓ KHC held two educational seminars in January. Visit [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org) for more.

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Anyone interested in becoming a **volunteer** for the 2010 WEG can log on to [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org) and click on "Volunteer Information" in the "Quick Links" box, to register and receive more information about volunteer opportunities and benefits. Volunteers are needed before, during, and immediately after the Games. Interested volunteers must also fill out a profile detailing when and how they could serve.

All volunteers will be required to go through an orientation and training program before they can begin to serve with the Foundation. Volunteers will receive a variety of benefits for their efforts, including official 2010 Games apparel, volunteer credentials, and general admissions tickets.

- ◆ In the first round of advance ticket sales roughly 67,000 tickets for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games were purchased in 15 days.
- ◆ Early estimates project 350 trade show booths at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.
- ◆ Rolex, the leading maker of luxury wristwatches, has signed on to become the "Official Timepiece of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games."

"Having Rolex become a partner of the Games is exciting and tremendously important to our event," stated Jack Kelly, CEO of the World Games Foundation, Inc. "They have been such an integral part of equestrian sport for so many years, and it is only fitting that they be one of the first partners to join our efforts."

Rolex, a strong supporter and sponsor of equestrian sports for more than 50 years, is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. The company has been a sponsor of the World Equestrian Games since the 2002 Games in Jerez, Spain, and has long been the title sponsor of the highly successful Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, held annually at the Kentucky Horse Park.

**For more information visit [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org)**

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## MOUNTAIN LIONS BEWARE

A couple in Northern California were out riding on the range, he with his rifle and she (fortunately) with her camera. Their dogs always followed them, and on this occasion a California Mountain Lion (Cougar) decided that he wanted to stalk the dogs. Very, very bad decision.

The hunter got off the mule with his rifle and decided to shoot in the air to scare away the lion, but before he could get off a shot the lion charged in attempting to get a piece of those dogs. The mule took off and decided he wanted a piece of that lion.

As the lion approached the dogs, the mule snatched him up by the tail and started whirling him around - banging his head on the ground on every pass. Then he dropped it, stomped on it and held it to the ground by the throat. The mule then got down on his knees and bit the cat a couple of dozen times to make sure it was dead, then whipped it into the air again, walked back over to the couple (that were stunned in silence) and stood there ready to continue his ride... As if nothing had just happened.

Fortunately even though the hunter didn't get off a shot, his wife took these 4...



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## New Therapeutic Counseling Center Under Construction

Construction is well underway on a new equine center at Campbell Lodge Boys' Home in Northern Kentucky. The shell of the facility is erected and the interior will be finished out through the winter and spring as funds allow. A ribbon-cutting event is in the works for the spring.

The facility will allow the Home to fully-implement their Equine-Assisted Counseling program year round regardless of weather.

As of October, 2007, over \$370,000 had been raised toward a \$600,000 goal which includes both the facility and an operating endowment. Major donors so far include the H.B., E.W. and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation, Fifth Third Bank and Narley L. Haley, Co-Trustees; the Josephine Schell Russell Charitable Trust, PNC Bank, Trustee; the Campbell Lodge Boys' Home Foundation; Toyota Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.; and three anonymous donors. A \$50,000 matching grant has also been pledged from the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee; Campbell Lodge has until June 2008 to raise another \$50,000 to receive the matching funds.



Campbell Lodge Boys' Home was founded in 1958 as a residential alternative for neglected or dependent young men. Since its inception, more than 1,500 young men have called Campbell Lodge home. Their mission is to provide therapeutic guidance for at-risk young men in a nurturing, Christian environment.

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