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## ***2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO OFFER EDUCATION, LIVE MUSIC AND UGLY RIDING SHIRT CONTEST***

Each year the Kentucky Horse Council hosts an Annual Conference to offer educational sessions relevant to the horse community, and to provide an enjoyable day for networking with other members and guests. This year's conference will be held November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lexington. ALL MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE INVITED.

Three concurrent educational tracks will offer speakers discussing Safety for Horse and Rider, Trails Development in Kentucky and Horse Health & Welfare. (See detailed schedule below.)


Providing education to the horse community has always been a priority for the Kentucky Horse Council, and this annual meeting is a chance to offer a range of relevant topics as well as provide an event for our members to meet each other and enjoy the company of other horse owners.

This year's meeting will also include the "Ugly Riding Shirt Contest, A People's Choice Award". Open to KHC members, the shirt contest offers a \$50 gift certificate to the winner to buy a new shirt. The shirts will be modeled at dinner and attendees will vote on which shirt is truly the ugliest. SEE BACK OF ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE CONTEST.

Also included in the day's activities are keynote speakers, live music, awards, door prizes, and the annual member meeting to elect new board members.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required by November 18<sup>th</sup>, for meal planning. Cost is \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Members may also bring one guest at the member rate.

You can register using the enclosed registration form, or go online to [kentuckyhorse.org](http://kentuckyhorse.org) to register with a credit card.

<b>2008 KHC Annual Conference Schedule</b>			
12:00 - 1:00	Registration		
1:00-1:30	Keynote speaker and welcome by President of the KHC Board		
	Trails	Safety for Horse And Rider	Horse Health & Welfare
1:45 - 2:30	Leave No Trace Ethic - Dennis Blackburn	Protecting our sporting horses: Proposed Changes in USEF policies	Evidence of horse neglect: Henneke body condition scoring, general appearance, hoof
2:30 - 3:00	BREAK and NETWORKING		
3:00 - 3:45	KY Recreational Trails Authority and the Cross Kentucky Trail	Helmet Safety - "Every Ride Every Time"	KHC programs to protect horses at risk
4:00 - 4:45	Working with non-horse groups to find new trails: James Haggerty	What is a Qualified Instructor? - Certified Horsemanship Assoc.	Horse Healthcare Basics
4:45 - 5:30	Networking Time: Beverages, Cash Bar and Live Band		
5:30 - 7:00	DINNER, Awards, Ugly Riding Shirt Contest, Raffle/door prizes		
7:00 - 7:30	Member Business Meeting & Elections		
7:30 - 8:00	Wrap-up		

## Recent KHC Press Releases:

Below are several recent KHC Press Releases that have been sent to our members and to the press. To read more detailed versions of each Press Release, please visit our website at [www.kentuckyhorse.org/press\\_rel.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/press_rel.shtml).

### 9/3/08 KHC Coordinates Support to Horses Affected by Natural Disasters

The Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) offered to provide a central coordination point for Kentucky equine rescue efforts to support horses affected by hurricanes, floods, fire and other natural disasters. KHC has experience responding to equine crisis through its welfare hotline which connects Kentucky horses in need with feed, care and transport through the SoHo (Save Our Horses) Fund.

### 9/8/08 Equine Rescues Invited to Seminar Facilitated by the Kentucky Horse Council

A networking session for Kentucky equine rescue groups was held September 27, 2008 from 1-4 p.m. in Lexington. This was the second such meeting facilitated by the Kentucky Horse Council in an effort to support the needs of horse rescue groups throughout the state.

### 9/9/08 Kentucky Horse Council Sponsors Clinics at Experience the Horse

The Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) sponsored a daylong clinic teaching holistic approaches to whole horse health at Experience the Horse on October 4, 2008 in Georgetown. Located at the Scott County Fairgrounds, the clinic ran in conjunction with Festival of the Horse which is held in downtown Georgetown. The three part clinic was free and open to the public.



A horse grazes beside a house, surrounded by floodwater, near Winnie, Texas after Hurricane Ike, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008. Ike was the first major storm to directly hit a major U.S. metro area since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005. (AP Photo/Pool, Smiley N. Pool)

### 9/22/08 Texas Horses Who Survived Hurricanes Being Aided By Kentucky Horse Owners

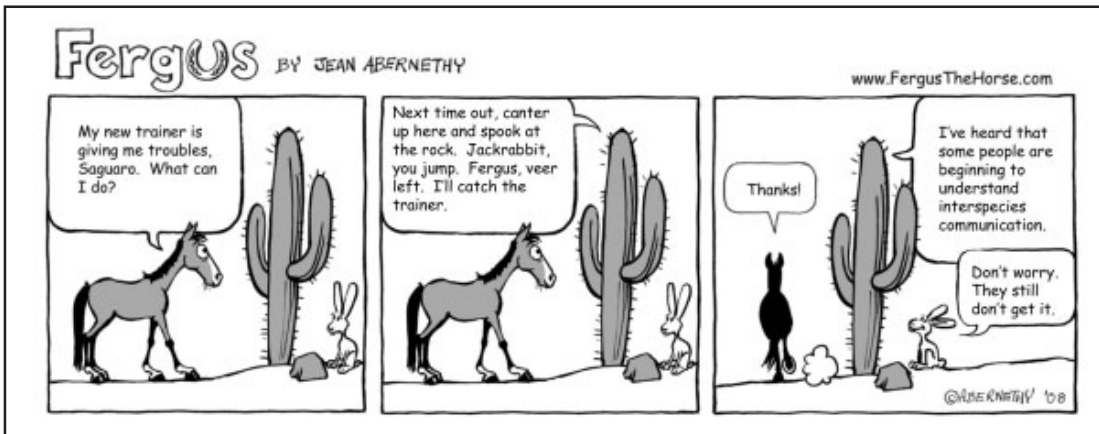
The Kentucky Horse Council was contacted by the Texas Horse Council for assistance in feeding horses which were victims of the fierce hurricanes last week. The Kentucky Horse Council established an online donation form for horse owners to use to contribute to this fund. Horse lovers from numerous states responded generously and within eight days, almost \$5,000 had been raised.

### 10/2/08 New Transportation Equipment to Benefit Horses & Kentucky Equine Non-Profits

The Kentucky Horse Council is proud to announce a joint sponsorship. The Kentucky Horse Council is proud to announce a joint sponsorship of a truck and horse trailer provided by Sterling Truck Corporation, Warner Bodies Inc. and Robb's Trailer Sales. This vehicle combination shall be used by three Kentucky-based non-profit organizations. They are the: Kentucky Horse Council, Maker's Mark Secretariat Center, and the Central Kentucky Riding for Hope. It will provide a platform to demonstrate each organization's mission through hands-on activities at different events throughout Kentucky.



The new truck and trailer shown in front of the Kentucky Horse Park.



## Notes from the KHC President & Executive Director

Dear Members,

I hope that you have marked November 22 on your calendar and are planning to attend the annual meeting. The committee and staff have been working since early this year to plan a great meeting – truly meaningful educational sessions, fun activities, beautiful location and a very important business meeting. The most important aspect of the meeting is your attendance, so I hope to meet you there.

I am very proud of the Kentucky Horse Council and the important work we have done in the past few years. We launched the Safety Net and SOHO programs and are already receiving calls for help this year. Our staff was prepared to address the needs of horses and owners affected by the hurricanes in Texas and we made a difference. We have funded scholarships, therapeutic riding programs, rescue programs, 4-H groups, and so much more. Our membership is at record levels. Our staff has grown from one part time person to three full time employees plus student interns. Kentucky is regarded as a leader in shaping the future of horse councils nationwide. So, I say again, I am proud of the Kentucky Horse Council. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have been a part of this great group.

I'm being brief this time and if you know me, you know that is unusual, but there is so much in this newsletter that is so much more important! Read it fully. Pass it on to someone who might benefit.

And, let's just chat in November. I will look forward to meeting you and will hope that you bring a friend as well.

*Madelyn Millard, President  
Waterwild Farm*

To KHC Members:

The KY Horse Council office staff - Dawn, Essie and myself (Ginny) hope that you are all looking back on a great summer of weekend relaxation with your horses, whether at a fun horse show or on the trail, or in the training ring with a young horse learning its first lessons. ☺☺

Now it's October, and I feel an eerie quietness in the air. Perhaps it is because we are all in shock from what Wall Street did to us all these past weeks. Perhaps it is because we know summer is over but it's too dry to recognize fall, and we feel unanchored to any season. Or maybe it's simply that we are all tightening our belts to make it through the winter.

The horse industry is in a contraction phase. This is not surprising nor alarming; because in an economic slowdown, all industries contract – housing, automobiles, furniture, appliances... and so do horses. Less buyers. Lower sales prices.

The unique feature of a contracting industry involving LIVE ANIMALS, is that you can't just park the animal in a warehouse waiting for times to get better. The horse needs constant care, so a slowdown in the horse business hits us all much harder.

The challenge to all of us is to keep our horses healthy and fed, and to limit our sacrifices to putting off buying new tack, replacing fencing, or riding closer to home. For those with professional horse businesses, it may be a good time to try modifying your business to offer different services, attract different clientele, or introduce creative pricing.

But onto a lighter topic! Don't forget to join us at the **2008 Annual KHC Conference** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on November 22, 2008. This will be a fun and educational day for all, with three seminar tracks addressing Trails, Safety for Horse and Rider, and Horse Welfare. These will be followed by a networking hour with a cash bar. Finally, a dinner with awards, door prizes, and the UGLY RIDING SHIRT CONTEST (Enter your shirt to try to win a \$50 gift certificate for a new shirt!!) **Please register no later than November 18th** (registration form included in this newsletter, or register online). Due to meal planning, we need everyone to register to be guaranteed a dinner.

*Ginny Gulke, Executive Director*



**Tickets went on Sale on September 25, 2009.** Approximately 600,000 tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com and are priced as low as \$25. General Admission tickets will also be available, providing access to the Kentucky Horse Park for the day, where visitors can experience various equine demonstrations and browse the extensive trade show.

**Competition Schedule Released on Sept. 22nd.** A detailed competition schedule is now available online at [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org).

**Two Years & Counting Celebration & the Kentucky Horse Park Arena's First Official Viewing** was held at 2:00 p.m., Sept. 25, 2008 at the new Kentucky Horse Park Indoor Arena. Speakers present were: First Lady Jane Beshear, Mayor Jim Newberry, John Long, John Nicholson and other community leaders. Participants also had their first look at the Kentucky Horse Park's Indoor Arena, which is still under construction.

**Ariat International Named as Apparel and Footwear Sponsor** during the "Halfway There" celebration. Ariat-sponsored Olympic equestrian athlete Bezie Madden was on hand to note the partnership and its significance, as the Games are being held in the United States for the first time. As part of the agreement, Ariat will be the title sponsor of the 2010 Games Volunteer Program and will provide apparel to the Games' 8,000 volunteers and other officials.

**Director of Finance Selected** on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Kathleen Spears joins the Foundation from her recent position as Chief Financial Officer of Gaines Gentry Thoroughbreds, LLC, in Lexington Kentucky.

## Welcome New KHC Members

### Association

Magoffin County Baseball Team  
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### Business

Brumfield Hay & Grain  
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### Farm

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### 4-H

Warren County Rough Riders  
Woodburn, KY



*For privacy reasons we do not list the names of our individual members.*

## Youth News

You can now communicate with the Kentucky Horse Council in several new ways!

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[www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com): Search for "Kentucky Horse Council" and then become a fan!

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Gtalk: If you have a gmail email address, you can instant message KHC from [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com) or download gtalk to your computer, and then add [kentuckyhorsecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckyhorsecouncil@gmail.com). You'll then be able to instant message with KHC Monday thru Friday, 9 to 5!

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## Health & Welfare News

### SoHo Fund Continues to Feed Hungry Horses

Recently the Kentucky Horse Council was notified of 10 horses to be confiscated in a starvation case. Without hesitation, Horse Council staff contacted the county sheriff and made arrangements to purchase feed for the horses using money from the SoHo (Save Our Horses) Fund. The fund also paid for the transport of the horses to the holding site, vet work for the starving horses, and reimbursed fuel for a volunteer to transport the horses to the Kentucky Equine Humane Center in Nicholasville after the owner signed them over.

Whenever the Horse Council is notified of a case of confiscated horses, the county sheriff or animal control agent is contacted and offered support through the SoHo fund. Often the public servants haven't heard of the fund and are gracious in accepting assistance from KHC. When an animal is confiscated or impounded, it is the responsibility

of the county to provide feed and care. It is very costly to confiscate large animals, and many of the counties do not have facilities to house horses which adds to the expense and complication of confiscating an abused horse.



Individual horse owners also receive feed through SoHo to support their horses during hard times while they plan for alternative arrangements or get back on their feet. Horse owners that have received feed from SoHo include those that have recently lost a job, had a change in marital status,

suffered hardship because of the drought, and other circumstances. The fund is designed to provide short term feeding support. Recipients of SoHo feed and services are strongly encouraged to make other long term arrangements for horses which they are unable to feed.

Created in December 2007, the SoHo fund connects kind donors with horses in need for the past 10 months. The fund relies on contributions to provide feed, vet care, and transportation for at-risk horses in Kentucky. To date, SoHo has provided feed for nearly 300 horses throughout Kentucky in 2008.

The need for support is growing as the drought in Kentucky continues. To learn more about SoHo or to make a tax deductible contribution visit [http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/SOHO\\_describe.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/SOHO_describe.shtml) or contact Essie at [erogers@kentuckyhorse.org](mailto:erogers@kentuckyhorse.org) or 859-367-0509.

### Equine Abuse Investigation Training

KHC taught a three day course on Equine Abuse Investigation the first week in October. The class was taught at Morehead State University (MSU) by KHC with guest instruction by Beckey Reiter of Boone County Animal Shelter, Dr. Phil Prater of MSU, Dr. Judy Willard of MSU, and Dr. Tammy Platt of MSU.

Twenty-seven animal control and peace officers attended the class and learned basic horse handling and care skills as well as Kentucky animal abuse statutes that apply to horses. Participants were encouraged to network with each other on equine abuse cases and share resources in the future.

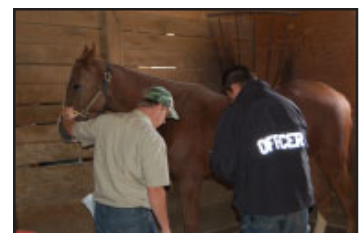
Comments from attendees:

“The class was very informative and essential for all investigators.”

“I didn't know how much I didn't know and understand. This is valuable knowledge that will help stop neglect.”

“I learned more in this class than I ever thought I would.”

Another course is currently being scheduled for later winter/early spring 2009. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and encourage your county officials to attend the training.



## Equitrekking's Equestrian Travel TV Series Broadcasts on Kentucky Educational Television, Including Episode on Kentucky

Washington, DC- *September 2, 2008*—Equitrekking®, the first travel television series to explore the world on horseback, begins broadcasts on KET in Kentucky with a new season of episodes, taking viewers horseback riding in extreme destinations including snowy Quebec, along the border of Arizona and Mexico, over a cross-country course at the Rolex Three-Day in Lexington and deep into the jungle in Belize.

Equitrekking broadcasts on KET1 on Saturdays at 1:30pm starting September 6<sup>th</sup> and KET2 on Wednesdays at 5:30pm starting September 3rd. Starting October 2nd, the series also broadcasts on KETHD on Thursdays at 11pm. In addition to these regular time slots, there are special featured broadcasts of Equitrekking's Kentucky episode on KETKY on Friday Oct 3rd at 3pm, Saturday October 4th at 7pm, Thursday October 9th at 5pm, Monday October 13 at 4:30pm and Thursday October 23 at 5pm and on the KETHD on Thursday October 9th at 11pm. For a complete listing of times visit KET's website at [www.ket.org](http://www.ket.org).



Darley interviewing Susanna Thomas and "King D" at the Secretariat Center in Lexington.


This high definition series is hosted by equestrian travel expert Darley Newman. In Kentucky, Darley visited the Kentucky Horse Park, Secretariat Thoroughbred Adoption Center and the Rolex Three-Day. Darley also enjoyed riding with naturalist Don Pelly at Shaker Village, riding Tennessee Walking (Horses at the Big Red Stables with Emily Dennis in Harrodsburg and riding in Western Kentucky at Land Between the Lakes and Barren River State Park.

"In each episode we travel off the beaten path to discover nature, history and culture. We ride with local people on their horses, so we are constantly challenged with new riding styles, new terrain and changing weather. The locals give us an insider's perspective on each destination, which I think is the best way to travel," said host and producer Darley Newman. "We trek to places best seen and sometimes only accessible on horseback, taking viewers to destinations that normal travel shows just don't venture."



Darley riding at Shaker Village. She went out with Don Pelly, the naturalist, and a group of local riders.

Equitrekking, the first travel television series to explore the world on horseback, broadcasts in high definition on Public Television stations across the nation and internationally in Italy, Turkey, France, Belgium and beyond. The show's companion website, [Equitrekking.com](http://Equitrekking.com), is a one-stop site for equestrian travel featuring video clips, the Equitrekking Travel Guide, expert tips, travel articles, Darley's blog, photos and a monthly e-newsletter. Equitrekking.com has been featured in the *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Times Magazine* and *Business Week* online, among others. 🐾

**Just Horsin' Around!** 

Oh No! Someone took stuff out of your tack truck and scattered it around the newsletter! Can you find the missing items?

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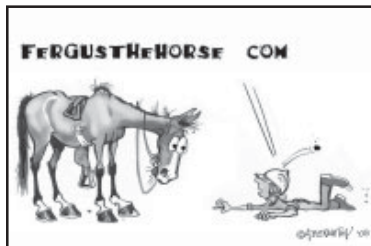
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The Kentucky Horse Council has **T-Shirts & Polos for Sale!** KHC Adult T-Shirts, Youth T-Shirts, & Friends of the Trail T-Shirts. Polos are tan with the KHC logo in the upper right-hand corner. Contact KHC to purchase.

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For more information about the NTRA Advantage visit [www.ntra.com](http://www.ntra.com). To become a member of the Kentucky Horse Council, complete and return the form below or visit [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org) to join online or to print the membership form.

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- \_\_\_ **Association** \$50.00 (Please complete separate association application)
- \_\_\_ **Business** \$150.00 [Includes your name on the KHC website & link to your website]

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