

# APPLICATION

KENTUCKY HORSE COUNCIL

Assistance to Counties Feeding Abandoned/Confiscated Horses



*Where All Horses Count*

The Kentucky Horse Council provides hay in the short term for starving Kentucky horses when they have been legally confiscated as evidence in a neglect case and in situations where the county has obtained a court order to feed a herd in place as part of an ongoing investigation.

Also, abandoned horses that are taken up by the county can be fed through this program. Funding is limited and assistance is available in the short term. The county is strongly encouraged to identify additional resources. Kentucky Horse Council assistance ceases when other agencies step in and/or once the county legally owns the horse(s).

## Requirements for Eligibility

- ❖ County must have legal possession of the horse(s)
- ❖ County must have a plan of action
- ❖ County must have appropriate filed legal documentation
- ❖ **Horses must be from a KY case**

## Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Application
- Renewal Request

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Case#: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary County Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Housing Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Please complete the following:

Number of horses needing hay: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Confiscated: \_\_\_\_\_

These horses were confiscated as:

- A neglect case, confiscated with a search & seizure warrant
- Running at large, owner unknown
- A neglect case, fed in place with a court order
- Other (describe below)

Description of situation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Steps you have already taken to secure care for these horses:

\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that all of the above information is correct and that the county has LEGAL possession of these horses.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete & return to:**

**Kentucky Horse Council, Inc.  
1500 Bull Lea Rd., Suite 214 C  
Lexington, KY 40511**

**Or Fax to: (866) 618-3837**

# CHANGING HORSE'S FEED

Applicants for **Assistance to Counties Feeding Abandoned/Confiscated Horses** must read and sign

## Changing the Diet of Horses

Whether it's the grain, hay, or time on pasture, any change in the horse's diet should be spread over several days or weeks.

When introducing a new type of hay or grain to a horse, the new hay or grain should replace the old feed at a rate of 25 percent every other day, taking a total of six days until the horse is completely on the new feed. Feed intake or eagerness to consume the diet may decrease during this changeover period. If this occurs, more time may be needed for the horse to adjust to the new feed.

When a horse is to be turned out on pasture all day, especially if the pasture is lush and green, time on pasture should be gradually increased to avoid overeating, in a manner similar to increasing the grain. Horses should be provided with all the hay they want to eat about a week prior to the start of complete pasture turnout. The time on pasture should be increased by one hour each day for four to five days. Then, before the horse is going to be turned out completely on pasture, a hay meal should be provided. It is important to remember that each horse is different.

Some horses take more time to adjust to dietary changes than others. Therefore, it is important to monitor the horse's eating habits and health status carefully during this time.

From [www.extension.org](http://www.extension.org)

I have read this information and will introduce the any feed (hay, grass, grain) to the horse(s) gradually as recommended above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Kentucky Horse Council assumes no responsibility or liability for the health of horses which are fed through SoHo as Assistance to Counties Feeding Abandoned/Confiscated Horses.**

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