

# US Equine Disaster Relief Application

KENTUCKY HORSE COUNCIL

Assistance for US Horses Impacted by Natural Disasters



The Kentucky Horse Council (KHC), through financial support from individuals and companies both in Kentucky and around the country, manages the U.S. Disaster Relief Fund. This fund provides feed, temporary shelter and fencing, and other assistance to U.S. horses affected by natural disasters. Funds are limited and awarded at the discretion of KHC.

KHC does NOT coordinate relief efforts nor provide assistance to individuals; the US Disaster Relief Fund supports efforts put in place by the state and local agencies for those equines impacted by natural disaster.

## Requirements for Eligibility

- ❖ Agency must have a plan of action
- ❖ Agency may be housing & feeding horses directly
- ❖ Agency may be supplying assistance to individual horse owners
- ❖ **Horses must be from the US and impacted by Natural Disaster**

## Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Application
- Renewal Request

Coordinating Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Type of Natural Disaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Hurricane/Storm/Event (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## Please complete the following:

Number of horses needing assistance: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assistance Began: \_\_\_\_\_

These horses are:

- Housed in a central area & being cared for by our agency
- Housed in a central area & being cared for by their owners
- Housed & cared for by their owners
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

We need the following type(s) of assistance\*:

*\*Reimbursements are made to coordinating agencies after submission of receipts. Direct payment can also be made to the supplier.*

- Hay/Grain Purchase \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Equipment, Bedding & Supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Temporary Fencing \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Supplier Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Relevant Information: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that all of the above information is correct and that all funding received will be used for the direct care of equines.

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

Recipients of the **US Equine Disaster Relief Fund** 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 the US Disaster Relief Fund.**

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