

Your help is needed - Volunteer!

At H.O.R.S.E. of CT – we are entirely volunteer driven.



Our volunteers come as far away as New York City to help around the farm. There are many fun things to do that make a difference in helping our horses. Get a good workout and help with some of the heavy chores (ride an ATV!), or just take it easy and groom, walk and feed the horses.

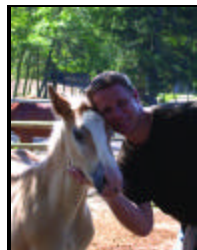


Spend a hour or a day at the farm. Whatever you choose, you'll have a great time ~ all for a good cause! And, make new friends.



Do you like speaking in front of people and contributing to the community?

H.O.R.S.E. appears at county fairs, educational events, museum and cultural establishments educating people about horses, adoption and sponsorship opportunities.



You can help by volunteering at these functions.

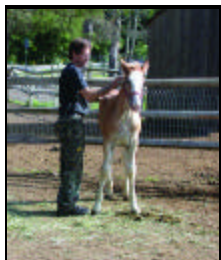


Interested in a career in Animal Husbandry? Veterinary Technologist/ Technician? Farrier?

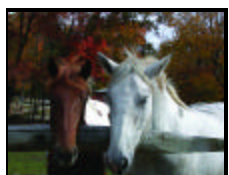
Earn valuable hands-on experience at our farm, on your first day! See a real BLM wild mustang, retired police horse, a miniature horse standing only 3 feet high or our drafts, as large as 17 hands.



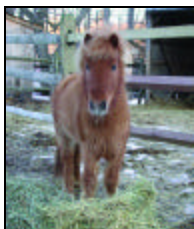
There are so many ways YOU can help H.O.R.S.E. Take a tour of our rescue facility and help out today!



You will make a difference by helping horses get back to a healthy and happy life and finding a new home or foster parent while they enjoy a safe haven at our sanctuary.



**CALL TODAY!
860-868-1960**



The Noble Horse ...

Throughout history, mankind has pursued the domestication of the horse. For centuries, the horse has been taught that its best interest is to serve man. Today, all but a few wild herds are completely dependent on their human guardians for survival.

It is easy to see how the relationship developed between the horse and humans. In return for his service, the horse was provided with feed, care, affection and protection from other predators. In the beginning, this was almost an equal partnership as both horse and human were responsible for each other's life.

Incredibly, the horse will compromise his own instincts in order to honor his side of the bargain. And unfortunately, there are those who interpret this loyalty as stupidity and reward it with neglect, cruelty or ignorant demands. This is a betrayal of the age old promise between human beings and the horse: that each shall protect and serve the other.

What happens to a horse betrayed? Usually, after a long and painful journey, he is left to a lingering death.

This doesn't have to happen!! Your tax-deductible donation provides the protection that such loyalty deserves. H.O.R.S.E. receives no town, state or federal funding. Monies are raised through memberships, sponsorships, charitable contributions and our own fund raising activities. And, all donations go directly to the horses.

H.O.R.S.E. is continuing to grow to meet the demands of this expanding problem. We need your help and dedication.

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*Dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation
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You are forever responsible
for what you have tamed

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ABOUT H.O.R.S.E. OF CONNECTICUT

The Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of Connecticut, Inc., is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of abused and neglected horses. In addition to direct intervention, H.O.R.S.E. also maintains an on-going commitment to educating the public regarding horse care.

H.O.R.S.E. was established in 1982 and moved to its permanent home in 1995. It is still staffed by a team of volunteers who share its dedication to and love of the beautiful horse. We intervene on the behalf of suffering equines by providing relief, recovery, shelter and rehabilitation. Once a horse is physically and mentally rehabilitated, we then begin the process of seeking an adoptive home. All prospective adoptive homes are carefully screened. And, we require a contract which guarantees that the horse shall not be bred or sold. It is a lifetime commitment.

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We investigate all cruelty complaints (which are kept strictly confidential). If a problem exists, co-operation is first sought from the owner. Prosecution is pursued only when there is no other recourse. Horses placed in our custody are provided with immediate veterinary and farrier care. We then seek adoptive homes that meet with our standards.

In addition, we are available upon request, to speak to interested groups in order to raise public awareness to our purpose and support.

PROGRAMS

Adoption

After our horses have been returned to good physical and mental health, we place them out for adoption. Nothing is more satisfying than seeing that new bond of trust and love between human and horse.

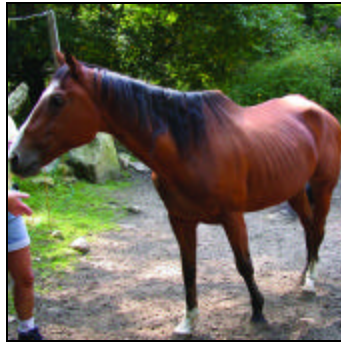
Education

We hold regular seminars and make guest lectures to teach people about caring for their horse. Other topics include the Premarin issues, animal cruelty, horse rescue and many other facets of the work we do here.

Sponsorship

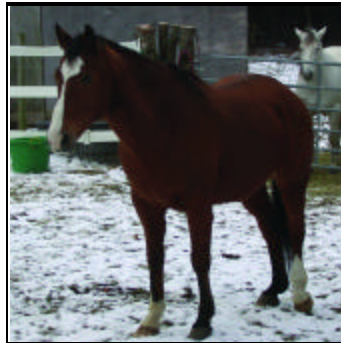
For \$50 a month, you can sponsor a horse of your choice. Sponsorship includes four visits a month where you can groom, spend time with and hand-walk the horse. Some horses are able to carry a small child while hand-walked. If you can't come to the farm, you can still sponsor a horse and one of our volunteers will be happy to take "your" horse for a walk and give it love and goodies.

RESCUE & REHABILITATION



BEFORE [September 2004]

A 19-year-old
Quarterhorse gelding,
15'1 hands. Rescued from
starvation and neglect.



AFTER [November 2004]

Has started under saddle
English. Very quiet, slow
ride. Walk/jog. Due to an
old injury, needs front
shoes and pads.

BECOME A MEMBER!

H.O.R.S.E. of CT survives on the donations and grants given by our many friends and benefactors. Yearly membership in H.O.R.S.E. of CT is another way of making sure that we have enough funds to carry out our mission of rehabilitating and finding homes for the horses in our care. Become a member and join us in helping the rescued and abused horses in our care. Membership levels are:

Student/Senior \$ 10
Adult \$ 25
Family \$ 50
Contributor \$ 100
Donor \$ 250
Patron \$ 500
Life Member \$ 1,000

H.O.R.S.E. of CT is a tax exempt, non-profit, volunteer-run 501©3 organization and your membership donation is tax deductible, as no goods or services have been provided to you. Please give our horses your support. Your help is needed and we hope to hear from you very soon. Make your check payable to; H.O.R.S.E. of CT and return it to 43 Wilbur Road, Washington, CT 06777. As you know, all donations go directly to our horses. Help us to keep the horses in our care healthy and strong. They depend on you!

PREMARIN INFORMATION

What is Premarin?...as the name implies, Premarin is a conjugated estrogen product extracted from PREGNANT MARES URINE - hence Pre mar in. It is manufactured by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, Inc. and is most commonly prescribed for estrogen replacement therapy to relieve hormonal deficiency symptoms associated with menopause. It also is sold under the name Prempro.

There are an estimated 500 PMU farms in North America, with the vast majority located in the prairie provinces of Western Canada. About 30 PMU farms exist in North Dakota and Minnesota. Almost all PMU farms are under an exclusive contract with Wyeth-Ayerst.

The mares are kept in deplorable conditions. They enter collection barns in September and remain until March or April. Each mare is kept tethered in a narrow stall with a rubber cup positioned over her vulva to collect the urine flow. The cup is held in place by overhead supports and a partial body harness. The tether and collection apparatus greatly restrict movement and the mare is unable to turn around or take more than a step or two in any direction. If the tether is too short, she may even be unable to lie down comfortably.

Reliable estimates indicate there are at least 50,000 production mares on PMU farms accounting for the annual birth of approximately 40,000 offspring. The byproducts of Premarin production are the foals born to these unfortunate mares. The foals are allowed to nurse and be with their mothers for only three to four months - instead of the normal six-month period. When the time comes for the mares to return to the collection barns, the farmers dispose of surplus foals. Thousands of foals are sent to unsheltered feedlots until they reach a desirable market weight and then they are slaughtered and their carcasses are shipped to Europe and Asia for human consumption.

The conditions the mares and foals are kept in are horrendous. Inspection reports document a number of significant problems - confinement for six months of their 11-month pregnancy, no exercise, no interaction with other horses, inadequate bedding, no grooming and the feet are usually neglected. They are even denied adequate water to keep the urine in a more concentrated stage and, therefore, reduce shipping costs of the urine.

Slaughter in the name of Premarin is barbaric. We need your help to get the word out to stop this useless practice. Be the voice for these abused horses and foals.

How can you help? Write your Senate and House TODAY! Ask them where they stand on the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act and tell them to pass the AHSPA into law! Go to the web page below and fill out the easy online form. You can make a difference with just one click of the mouse. Spread the word ~ tell your family, friends and colleagues.

<https://secure2.convio.net/aspca/site/Advocacy?JServSessionIdr006=3zzf54gjb1.app28a&id=893>