



Connecticut Horse Council

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2017 WINTER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

January is once again time to renew your CT Horse Council membership. We are a non- profit volunteer legislative advocacy group representing all horse interests in CT.

We monitor all issues that have an impact on the horse industry. The Connecticut Horse Council is member supported by individuals and organizations representing every facet of the horse industry including owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed organizations, horsemen's associations, commercial suppliers and town horse councils. CHC represents equestrian interest with representation on the **Connecticut Greenways Council** and the **Connecticut Equine Advisory Council**. We provide information on Legislation, Road Safety, Trails, Zoning, Barn Fire Training – CT Horse 911, Fire Prevention & Emergency Disaster Preparedness and produce educational brochures for the public. We are an affiliate of the **American Horse Council**, whose primary concern is to oversee federal legislation, including taxes, which affect the horse industry.

CHC has partnered with CT Horse Magazine. Your 2017 CHC membership will include your subscription to the magazine delivered to your address.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 17-19 and are also posted up on our website. Club, Organizations, Business & Professional support is only \$40.00 per year - all posted on our web site and in our Newsletters. The CHC membership form is on pages 20-21. We look forward to helping our communities in all aspects of horse life, education and care. Support your state organization, get up to date information on legislation, policies and more.

The CHC, Inc., can only be as strong as its membership. Please join us and work together to protect your interests for today and tomorrow!

If you have already renewed, thank you for your support. See page 15 for 2017 memberships

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Want to help out the CT Horse Council? We are a part of igive.com. Just go to igive.com. Choose CT Horse Council as your cause. Use the iGive Button at over 1,700 online stores. CT Horse Council will get money – free! Please help whenever you can! Thanks in advance!

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th 2017

DEEP No Child Left Inside Winter Festival 10:00AM-3PM at Burr Pond State Park in Torrington. The public is invited to attend. CHC is looking for Volunteer Horse Patrol people to attend this event to meet and greet the visitors. Please contact Diane Ciano 203.757.1904 or Spirit76@snet.net

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Legislation

CHC is supporting

Resolution Act 16-1 – “A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State to Protect Real Property Held or Controlled by the State” – was passed in the 2016 session (as Senate Joint Resolution 36), and, as required for proposed constitutional amendments, must be passed a second time to allow the public to vote on this important referendum question in 2018. This Resolution would amend the state constitution to require that State-owned public lands must receive a public hearing and a two-thirds vote before being given away, swapped, or sold by an act of the General Assembly. In our region, Maine, Massachusetts, and New York constitutions already include similar protections for public lands.

The CT Horse Council is encouraging all equine organizations to support this legislation and to sign onto a support letter generated by the CT Forest & Park Association. If your organization wants to sign on contact Eric Hammerling ehammerling@ctwoodlands.org of the CT Forest & Park Association with a short note to ask that your organization's name be added to the list of supporting organizations to Protect your Public Lands.

Organizations that have signed on:

Cheshire Horse Council

Connecticut Horse Council

Connecticut Valley Driving Club

Connecticut Trail Rides Association

Granby Horse Council

Litchfield Hills Driving Club

Middlebury Bridle Land Association

New England Arabian Trails Organization (NEATO)



AHC Washington Update

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JANUARY 13, 2017

USDA Announces Final Horse Protection Act Rule

Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced final regulations governing enforcement of the Horse Protection Act (HPA). The HPA was passed in 1970 to stop the cruel practice of "soring" horses that was occurring in some sectors of the Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse and Spotted Saddle Horse industry.

The final rule would make several major changes to current HPA regulations with the goal of ending soring. The AHC is currently reviewing the details of the final rule to determine its impact on the horse industry. However, USDA seems to have made several modifications and clarifications to the final rule in accord with the comments submitted by the AHC and others. [AHC comments can be found here.](#)

Importantly, the USDA has made changes to the final rule that address horse industry concerns had regarding the proposed rule release last summer. These changes include explicitly limited new prohibitions on pads, wedges, and action devices to "Tennessee Walking Horses and Racking Horses," and removal of all references to "related breeds that performs with an accentuated gait that raises concerns about soring." Additionally, USDA has adopted several proposals to make the rule less burdensome for smaller "flat shod" walking horse shows. USDA also has clarified that certain reporting and record keeping requirements apply only to "Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse shows."

According to the USDA under the final regulation—

- APHIS will license, train, and oversee independent, third party inspectors, known as Horse Protection Inspectors (HPIs), and establish the licensing eligibility requirements to reduce conflicts of interest.
- Beginning 30 days after the publication of the final rule, all action devices, except for certain boots, are prohibited on any Tennessee Walking Horse or racking horse at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction. All pads and wedges are prohibited on any Tennessee Walking Horse or racking horse at any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction on or after January 1, 2018, unless such horse has been prescribed and is receiving therapeutic, veterinary treatment using pads or wedges. This delayed implementation allows ample time to both gradually reduce the size of pads to minimize any potential physiological stress to the horses and prepare horses to compete in other classes.

- Beginning January 1, 2018, management of HPA-covered events must, among other things, submit certain information records to APHIS, provide HPIs with access, space, and facilities to conduct inspections, and have a farrier physically present to assist HPIs at horse shows, exhibitions, sales, and auctions that allow Tennessee Walking Horses or racking horses to participate in therapeutic pads and wedges if more than 150 horses are entered, and have a farrier on call if 150 or fewer horses are entered.

The final rule has not been published in the Federal Register, but USDA has stated they plan to publish it in the next several days. In its initial assessment of the final rule, the AHC believes USDA has made many of the changes that were necessary to end soring and to fulfill the purpose and intent of the HPA as well as make sure other segments of horse show industry that have no history of soring horses are not unintentionally impacted or burdened by the regulation.

The AHC is continuing to review the proposed rule to determine its impact on the horse industry. After the AHC has had the opportunity to analysis the details of the final rule we will follow up with additional information.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday & Sunday, March 4 & 5 2017

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Demonstrations, Speakers, Sponsors and vendors welcome – call or email for info

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Questions? More info can be found at this link:

<http://animalscience.uconn.edu/horseSymp/index.php>

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday & Sunday, March 4 & 5 2017**

2017 CT Horse Symposium - March 4 & 5

Horsebarn Hill Arena -University of Connecticut, Storrs

Saturday March 4th -Day One

9 AM - 12 PM

Finding the Natural Balance of Horse and Rider to Improve Form Over Fences -

Clinics with **Caroline Mercier** with flatwork, poles, and jumps respectively in three sessions: Designed to help answer these common questions: What does it mean to ride off the outside aids? Is my horse in front of the leg? What are the different seats and when do I use them? Looking at the full seat, half seat (3 point) and two point positions.

1 PM - 4 PM

Improving Your Driving Performance and Having Fun While Doing It!

Clinics with **Jeff**

Morse, owner/manager/trainer at [Green Meads Farm](#) with sessions about the separation of labor and management, bending the driving horse and the fourth aid. Designed to help you fully utilize your aids when driving, get the best performance out of your horse and keep it balanced to make life easier and driving more fun for you and your horse!

UConn horses will be available for use for experienced riders for Caroline's clinic and experienced horse handlers for Jeff's clinic for a modest fee.

If you are bringing your own horse, you will need to complete the equine health form available online, please make sure that your horse is up to date on all required vaccinations. You will also need to complete a 3 day temperature log for the 2 days prior to and the day of the clinic. Also if you are out of state you will need to bring a veterinarian's certificate.

Visit our well-populated and diverse **Vendor Fair** on Saturday - all under one roof at the Horsebarn Hill Arena! If interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor, please contact jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu or call (860) 486-4471

Sunday, March 6th - Day Two

9 AM -12 PM

Hands on Horse Science!

Learn about basic first aid, microchipping, horse vital signs, saddle fitting, sheath cleaning and myofascial release therapy and more!

1 PM

UConn Polo Match

Participants Wanted!! Looking for Riders and Drivers!!! Horses available for those who can walk, trot and canter in control, have experience in hunt seat, and will sign a release form. Two UConn horses will be available to use in the driving clinic as well, must have some horse experience, but not necessarily driving experience.

Money raised is used to directly support equine research and extension programs at the University of Connecticut! No pre registration needed for spectators!

SAVE THE DATE: **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**



Disaster Preparedness for Equine Owners



Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Eversource Building
107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT

Sponsored by: UConn Department of Animal Science, UConn Extension, and Connecticut Horse Council

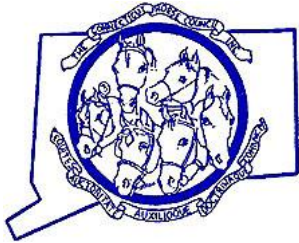
The program is free, but RSVP for ice cream: Dr. Jenifer Nadeau (jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu) or 860-486-4471 or Stacey Stearns (stacey.stearns@uconn.edu) or 860-486-9228

Presentations Include:

- Matt Odishoo, Deputy Fire Marshall, Town of Berlin
- Laurianne Goulet, Connecticut Horse Council
- Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Associate Professor, UConn, Equine Extension Specialist

UConn Dairy Bar Ice Cream will be served!

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, March 18th**



**Volunteer Horse Patrol
Annual Meeting
& OPEN HOUSE**



10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pot Luck & Raffle Items

WELCOME -New & Interested members

Workshop with Essential Oils with Brenda Vynalek



Our use of essential oils for natural well being and health support are based on centuries of trials. I will be introducing you to the idea of using these well established and proven practices to help maintain your horse at optimum wellness, or to aid in recovery in conjunction with your veterinarian. Essential oils are much stronger than their source herb, sometimes up to 70x's more powerful, and work much more quickly. In our workshop we will go over what essential oils are, where they come from, how to use them, application methods, and also give you ideas to replace many of the chemical laden products in your barn all while saving you money. Everyone will go home with some of Brenda's favorite tried and true recipes for sprays, salves and cleaners.

Brenda Vynalek Owner of Essential Oils Made Simple
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Your CHC Representation around the state...

Trails & Volunteer Horse Patrol News

Connecticut Trail Census

The Connecticut Trail Census is a statewide volunteer data collection program. It is being funded by a CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant. One of the 12 trails to be monitored for a year is the Larkin Bridle Trail. An infrared counter has been placed at the Riggs Street crossing in Oxford.

VHP member, Vevette Greenberg has volunteered to be the trail site Coordinator and will monitor the counter. You can find updated information about the Census at the website:

http://clear.uconn.edu/projects/ct_trail_census/index.htm

Goals

To understand who is using Connecticut's multi-use trails when, why and by what means.

- * To educate trail user groups, administrators, state and local government agencies, and the general public about trails and their impacts.
- * To obtain multi-year information about trail use, user demographics, economic impacts, and trail amenities for identification of patterns and trends.
- * To promote active citizen participation in monitoring and understanding the value of trails.
- * To encourage sound trail building and maintenance programs based on collected data.

How it works:

Twelve trail sites in Connecticut were selected. Volunteer teams representing these sites will work closely with the project team. Selected trail groups/organizations will:

- * Participate in volunteer trainings for infrared counter setup and data retrieval and survey data collection.
- * Install and maintain infrared counters (provided), conduct manual calibration counts, and download data quarterly to determine how many and when people are using multi-use trails.
- * Conduct Intercept surveys (face to face interactions with trail users involving a list of predetermined questions) to understand demographics of trail users including age, gender, location of residence, economic impacts, and needed trail amenities.
- * Communicate the results of this data collection to constituents and partners.

DEEP Budget Cuts - Volunteer Horse Patrol: As you are likely aware that there has been continued budget cuts for our state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) that severely impacts the operations, maintenance, and safety of your State Parks, Forests, campgrounds, swimming areas, and special places that you cherish. The CT Horse Council is proud to have partnered with DEEP since 2003 establishing the Volunteer Horse Patrol (VHP) for equestrians statewide to help meet the basic needs of the visitors in our State parks and forests and helping to maintain trails. With the diminished resources of the DEEP, the CHC-VHP is calling on all equestrians to partner with us with this ongoing statewide effort and support to help patrol and maintain the trails that you ride. Your membership to CHC and support to the VHP helps out everyone in all aspects. Please consider supporting your state Horse Council in this effort.

Thank you. For more information www.cthorsecouncil.org **Join Us at our March 18th Meeting**

Goodwin State Forest - Harvest Update:

The tree harvest at Goodwin State Forest is operating. Some trails are closed and they have posted signs.. A reminder to pick up or move your horse's manure from the front grounds of the Conservation Center as well as around the pavilion area and to keep off the Children's Discovery Trail behind the Center.. Thank You.

Your CHC Representation around the state...



CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The mission of the Equine Advisory Council and is to promote equestrian use on public lands, creating, preserving, maintaining and restoring trails.

The CT Equine Advisory Council's website and link to the Multi Use Trail Surface can be viewed on: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> The study can be used to educate and promote multi-use trails and surfaces for planners of trails who may play a role in maintaining or implementing trail systems including Town planners, recreation committees and Council of Governments throughout the state.

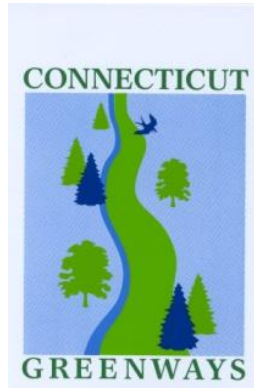
2017 Meeting Schedule:

The 2017 meetings of the EAC will continue to be quarterly at the Eversource (formerly Northeast Utilities) meeting room located at 107 Selden St., Berlin
Thursday, March 16th Thursday, June 15th Thursday, September 21st Thursday, December 14th
The public is welcomed.



LEFT : Meg Sautter (1st District), Laurie Gianniotti (DEEP), Eric Hammerling (CFPA), Fred Mastele CHC President, Ginger Tullai (2nd District), David Frazzellini (4th District), Ruth Beardsley (3rd District), Diane Ciano (5th District)

CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



Members of the Connecticut Greenways Council are appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly. Their duties include advising and assisting local, state, regional, private citizens and recreational organizations in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants; and establishing criteria for designation of greenways. The council also reviews applications and awards grants submitted for the Recreational Trails Program.

Our CHC Representative is Stacey Stearns

For more information on the CT Greenways Council go to: www.ct.gov/deep/greenways

Other News

HELP NEEDED Road Safety:

A video for Public Access is ready for distribution, courtesy of the Vermont Horse Council. There are 24 office locations around the state and we need to get CHC members to bring the video to these locations. They must be citizens of the town that the offices are located below.

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if you can help by setting up an appointment to bring the video to your local Public Access station. It is the CHC goal to have a video such as this made for us. Volunteers?

Towns: Darien, Easton, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Redding, Stamford, Weston, Westport, Wilton

Channel: **77** Public Access Studio: **28 Cross Street, Norwalk, CT 06851**

Towns: Bridgeport, Fairfield, Milford, Orange, Stratford, Woodbridge

Channel: **77** 1) Public Access Studio: **211 State Street, Suite 405, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Towns: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, Hampton, Lebanon, Mansfield, Pomfret, Scotland, Thompson, Willington, Windham, Woodstock

Channel: **14** Public Access Studio: **207 Tuckie Road, North Windham, CT 06256**

Towns: Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Monroe, Washington, Kent, New Milford, Southbury, New Fairfield, Roxbury, Sherman, Trumbull, Woodbury, Newtown, Barkhamstead, Colebrook, Harwinton, New Hartford, Warren, Winsted, Winchester, West Hartland (partial)

Channel: **13** Public Access Studio: **140 Willow Street, #3, Winsted, CT 06098-1114**

Towns: Montville, New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Griswold, Killingly, Plainfield, Sterling, Putnam

Channel: **25** Public Access Studio: **61 Myrock Avenue, Waterford, CT 06385**

Towns: Andover, Bolton, Ellington, Hebron, Marlborough, Tolland, Vernon

Channel: **5 (P) 95 (E) 96(G)** Public Access Studio: **105 Notch Road, Bolton, CT 06043**

Horse Owner's Corner: When is it Too Cold To Ride?

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Equine Extension Specialist, UConn; Education Committee Chair

It's winter now and off and on it is freezing outside!! There are all sorts of recommendations for when it is too hot to ride, but what about too cold? I have to admit to being a fair weather trail rider who puts away her boots once mid-December hits, but for those of you brave enough to tough it out, here are some guidelines to follow!

Consider the footing. If you are riding indoors in an arena, this may not be a concern. But if you plan to ride in an outdoor ring or go on a trail ride, you will want to make sure you have your horse properly shod or prepared. It is said that cooking spray will help to keep snow from building up in the barefoot horse's hoof. Snowball popper pads will help keep snow from packing into the hoof. Borium can be applied to the underside of a shoe in a small area or as a thin line to give the horse better traction. If it is icy, you may want to reconsider venturing out on the trails as in my opinion, an injury just isn't worth it. Frozen mud can also cause uneven surfaces that can cause damage to joints through twisting as the hoof lands and potential bruising.

If it is very cold, so cold that you feel that your nose hairs are freezing or it is almost painful for you to take a breath, make sure not to work the horse too hard. According to Dr. Joyce Hartman of Harmany Equine Clinic in Virginia, there is really no temperature at which it is too cold to work a horse as long as the horse is adapted to it. According to research studies (most of which involved horses on a treadmill cantering for at least 15 minutes), breathing cold air more rapidly and deeply can cause stress to the airways. In this case, the body does not have time to warm the air and humidify it as the upper respiratory tract normally would, so the trachea, bronchi, bronchioles and alveoli become cooled and dried. Horses with recurrent airway obstruction, what horseman commonly call heaves, should not be ridden in very cold weather as it may exacerbate their condition, but don't leave them too cooped up either since ammonia fumes and dust would be more damaging to their lungs.

The horse's immune system will also be affected by very cold air. It was found that for 48 hours, inflammatory cytokines (cytokines are substances secreted by the immune system like interferon, interleukin and growth factors that have an effect on other cells) were upregulated (increased) and there was a flood of neutrophils (a type of white blood cell often found in acute inflammation) in the lower airways.

If you do plan to ride, when you get the horse ready and are leading it to an arena, put a cooler on it to help keep it warm before and after the ride. Warm the horse up sufficiently through stretching and bending exercises at the walk and light trot for twice as long as you would in the summer to be safe. It takes time to get the blood flowing through all of the horse's body. A horse with arthritis will most likely be stiffer at first, but should warm out of it within 20 minutes. If it does not, consult your veterinarian.

Make sure to leave time for a proper cool down at the end of the ride. I am sure you have heard the phrase "Ridden hard and put away wet." Don't do that to your horse! Make sure to completely cool and dry the horse before returning it to its stall or pasture. Otherwise it will lose all of its insulating properties.

If you have any questions about horse management, feel free to contact me at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu or (860) 486-4471 and check out other fact sheets at <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/extension/articlesByFaculty.php>. Thanks, and keep on horsin' around! I hope that you will be able to join us for a talk on Equine Disaster Preparedness for Equine Owners at the CT Horse Council meeting in March! Also, don't forget to attend the CT Horse Symposium where you can learn more tips for riding and driving, with Sunday featuring Hands-On Horse Science, a morning filled with practical skills for the horseman! Check it out at <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/horseSymp/index.php>

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CHC TALK with ICRV RADIO - "HORSE TALK"



Jennifer McDermott ICRV, Fred Mastele and Diane Ciano

ICRV Radio is an interactive informational resource dedicated to Stream Feeding to the Lower Connecticut River Valley and points just beyond Jennifer hosted "HORSE TALK" CHC President Fred Mastele and 2nd Vice President Diane Ciano spoke on the many aspects of the Council and how this state organization provides support and education to all aspects of the horse community. CHC was asked to return to talk on specific subjects that were touched upon in the hour program. The show is replayed throughout the month and then will become part of the archives. Go to iCRVradio.com



CT SART - State Animal Response Team - Region 5



Sunny Bettley, Left - a Wildlife Rehabilitator, at the Sharon Audubon Center presented a Live Animal Training lecture and demonstration on the **Handling and Safe Capture of Wild Birds and Small Mammals at the Watertown Fire House in January.**

The event was promoted by Donna Cobelli DVM, CTSART Region 5 Team Leader. Region 5 ESF 11 Chair. CHC member, Diane Ciano was present.

The Region 5 Animal Response Team is exceptionally well prepared for any emergency in which animal evacuation may be required. A two day Mass Mega Care Weekend Training was held in December to train SART members on setting up an Animal shelter, how to facilitate a safe and efficient response to animal emergencies., management, basic food safety, kitchen set up, feeding fundamentals, and disaster kitchen training.

The volunteer base is organized under the guidance of The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and state and local emergency management professionals utilizing the principles and practices of the Incident Command System (ICS).

For more information on CTSART: www.ctsart.org

2017 Membership

Carol Birdsey - **Membership Secretary** membership@cthorsecouncil.org 860-344-1804

We had another successful Equine Affaire. We met lots of new people and informed them about CHC and all that we do. Thank you to Fred & Cheryl Mastele, Steve & Shirley Vicchitto, Ron Hocutt, Diane Ciano, Laurianne Goulet, Jane Kaeser, & Randy Olmstead for all their time spent at the booth. A special thanks to Laurianne & Cheryl for helping get all the supplies out of the basement and sorting to see what we needed to bring and having it ready to load and then getting it on the truck. As it is said it takes a village and we have a great village. If I have missed anyone I am sorry but do appreciate your help. The following have renewed for the 2017 year:

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The CT Horse Council (CHC) will meet at Eversource Energy meeting room located at 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT at 7:30-9 PM on the following dates:
Tuesday, March 7th, Tuesday, June 6th Tuesday, September 5th & Tuesday, December 5th

2016-17 Officers and Board Members

The Connecticut Horse Council Officers and Board of Directors are elected volunteers who are dedicated to helping the equine industry grow.

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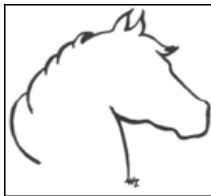
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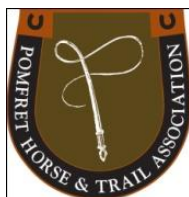
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www.orgsites.com/ct/neato



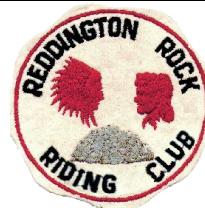
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www.pomfrehorseandtrail.com



Reddington Rock Riding Club
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Business Member Directory

CHC would like to encourage horse owners to use the services of our member businesses. **This will help our industry to prosper. If your business does not appear here, consider joining CHC so that we may add your listing as well. This information is made available at our trade show booth and on our website.**

Note: Listings in our business directory is a service to our members only, and does not necessarily endorse any individual, business, or product.



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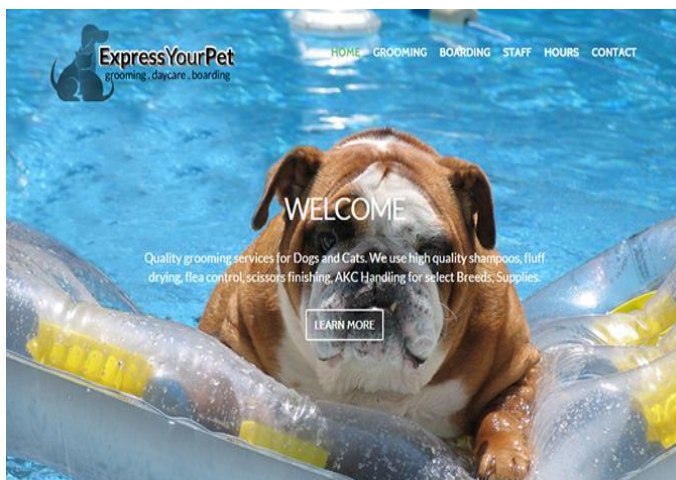
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Classification (Check One)

☐ **Individual** \$20 ☐ **Family** \$30 ☐ **Student** \$15
☐ **Business or Professional** \$40 ☐ **Club** \$40

☐ **NEW** ☐ **RENEWAL** **Membership decal available** ☐ Static ☐ Sticker

Check which one you wish to receive with your membership. Additional decals are available for \$1.00 each

How did you hear about the CHC? _____

CLUB or BUSINESS NAME (if applicable) _____

NAME _____

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CITY / STATE/ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

NUMBER OF HORSES OWNED: _____

AREAS OF INTEREST (Please check all that apply)

☐ Trails ☐ Zoning ☐ Booth ☐ Legislation ☐ Website ☐ Emergency/Disaster Preparedness
☐ Volunteer Horse Patrol ☐ Education ☐ CT Horse 911

I would be willing to serve on a committee of my interest. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

I would be willing to have my name listed with CHC Connections as a person to contact in an emergency involving horses, or for emergency resources. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

Please describe resources/services you would be able to provide on the back of this form.

I wish to join The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.

Date

Signature

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Connecticut Horse Council **Connections** is a volunteer network being developed to provide assistance and resources to our fellow horse owners in the state during times of natural or man-made disasters, or emergency incidents such as fires, loose horses, or trailer accidents. When there is an incident or emergency situation involving horses **Connections** will be a resource for local fire departments, first response dispatchers, and, as they continue to organize, with local CTSART Region Team Leaders. If you choose to participate in **Connections**, CHC will add your name to our list of people who can be contacted when help is needed.

[] CHC has my permission to make my name available to my local Fire Department/local Emergency Dispatcher as an experienced horseperson to call in the event of an incident involving horse/s.

My local FD is _____ Local Police _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency trailering for horse/s.

Type/size of vehicle _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide temporary emergency shelter/housing/paddock space for horses which need to be relocated in emergency situations.

Describe _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency supplies (feed, bedding, or other) for horses involved in emergency incidents.

Describe _____

[] I am unable to participate at this time but would like to be included in future alerts or mailings.

Although not yet mandated by Connecticut statute, the CT State Animal Response Team regions recognize the needs of large animals. CHC remains committed to assisting the five Region Team Leaders in their efforts to include horses in their disaster response plans.

[] Please give me the contact name of my CTSART Region Team Leader so I can contact him/her.

I attest that I am at least 18 years of age and that the information I provide The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. is true and accurate. I understand that I may, in any particular situation, prudently decline to offer my good faith services. I further understand that The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. acts only as a conduit for providing this information to individuals and/or organizations for the purpose of emergency response, and CHC is not liable for any injury or misadventure resulting in my volunteer efforts.

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