



# Connecticut Horse Council

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## 2015 FALL NEWSLETTER

### Connecticut Horse Council Presidents Message November 2015

Hello everyone, it's that time of year when our thoughts turn to our families, friends and other things we're thankful for. It's also a time when we reflect on what we've accomplished in the old year and resolve to make changes for the new year. The same goes for the CT Horse Council (CHC).

As we look back on 2015, unlike 2014 when a horse and other agriculture tax exemptions, vicious horse and vulnerable user legislation was passed, there was no legislation passed directly associated with horses. However, legislation was passed to keep the Community Investment Act from being eliminated along with other agriculture related issues. The 2015 legislative session found our state legislators focused more on the budget and brings with it the possibility of losing more funding for agriculture in the future. As horse owners it's important that we work with our local leaders and state legislators to gain their support for those issues that are important to us. If you have concerns you would like addressed, or ideas for proposed legislation, please notify the CHC. We can't help you if we don't know what you need.

In 2015, with a great deal of effort by Diane Ciano, Meg Sautter and many others, the improvements at the Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp in Natchaug State Forest have been completed. The improvements included the clearing and leveling of several campsites, pull through campsites for larger trailers, 5, 10 and 15 mile marked trails, campsite markers, a new kiosk, new picnic tables, hitching posts at the common area, and two new solar toilets. For those of you that haven't had an opportunity to visit the horse camp, you should definitely place it on your list of things to do.

During 2015 the CHC, in conjunction with UConn and the CT Farm Bureau Association offered Equine Liability Seminars at UConn and several other locations throughout the state. Also, with the help of Laurianne Goulet, the CHC has begun to update and make changes to the website, check it out at [cthorsecouncil.org](http://cthorsecouncil.org). In addition, we have affiliated with Association Resource Group (ARG) which will allow us to offer \$1,000,000 in excess liability insurance to our members through Equisure Insurance. The insurance will be available at an annual cost of \$19 per individual and \$38 per family. Please contact us if you are interested. The ARG affiliation will also allow us to offer CHC member discount benefits for prescriptions (equine, pet and

personal), Hertz, Veterinary Pet Insurance, Pet Smart, and others. We hope to have the benefits posted on the CHC website soon. CHC has also affiliated with the Connecticut Horse magazine, which CHC members should be receiving in 2016.

Beginning in 2016 the CHC will be holding quarterly meetings in March, June, September and December. We've done to allow members to attend only four meetings per year instead of the nine we used to have. The meetings will still be held at the Eversource building at 107 Selden Road, Belin CT at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday. This is a change from the nine meetings per year we had and allows us to meet when weather isn't as challenging, we encourage all members to attend.

The CHC thanks you for your support and if you have equine friends that are not members please encourage them to join.

Respectfully,  
Fred Mastele

**Reminder: Membership dues for 2016 are due January 2016. The application is on pages 18-19 of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Thank you to all who have joined the CT Horse Council for 2016 at the Equine Affair.**

## **2016 Officers and Board Members - page 17**

### **Welcome New Board Members:**

**Anne Zagryn, Middletown**  
**Bob Larosa, Waterbury**  
**Edna liberty, Portland**

## ***Save the Dates in 2016:***

### **CHC Quarterly Meetings:**

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Connecticut Horse Symposium**

Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, March 6th

### **Volunteer Horse Patrol Annual Meeting & Open House**

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Connecticut Classic Horse Show**

September 9,10,11 [www.CTClassicHorseShow.com](http://www.CTClassicHorseShow.com)

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Your CHC Representation around the state...

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**VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL**

**CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL**

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PROTECTION**





**CT Horse Council  
TRAIL NEWS  
Volunteer Horse Patrol  
FALL 2015**



Submitted by Diane Ciano

***Save the Date in 2016***

**CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol**

**Volunteer Horse Patrol  
Annual Meeting & Open House**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 9-1:00 pm  
Company 1 Firehouse  
1485 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111**

**Guest Speaker**



Michael Zulch, Biology Researcher at Elms College in  
Chicopee, MA as he sets out to answer the question....

**What's the Scoop on Poop?**

# What's the Scoop on Poop?



Equine poop, a lot! But have you considered what your horse poop can say about its overall health?

Join us on

## March 19th

at the **CHC-VHP 2016 Annual Meeting** to be held at Co. 1 Fire Headquarters, **1485 Main St. Newington, CT. Co. PARK In REAR.**

Learn about Mike's research and how he analyzes fecal samples in an attempt to further understand how the microbial populations in their gut contribute to equine health and disease.

Seminar is free to attend. Please RSVP to [dianemorton2011@gmail.com](mailto:dianemorton2011@gmail.com) or 860-690-7632

## Free Parasite Fecal Screening

If you are interested in taking part in this research and would like to submit a sample from your horse to be analyzed, that would be great! In return, Mike will do a complimentary Parasite Screening by Fecal Egg Count (FEC). Please see instructions below:

- Using a plastic Ziploc bag, obtain a fresh fecal sample, please collect no more than a few balls.
- Please make sure the sample is collected no more than 6 hours before the event.  
Samples should be **collected in the morning of March 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- If possible, place the samples on ICE to control bacterial growth
- Please write your last name on the bag with permanent marker
- If you are submitting a sample from more than one horse, please label them with your last name followed by the horse's nickname (eg. Smith TAKI, Smith DESI, etc.) **IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHICH SAMPLE BELONGS TO WHICH HORSE**
- You will be **required to register the sample with a questionnaire** upon submission.  
If you would like to receive the questionnaire before-hand, please send Mike an e-mail (below).

Questions? Please contact [Mike at ElmsBioResearch@gmail.com](mailto:Mike at ElmsBioResearch@gmail.com) or (413) 537-6925



## **Trails Report:**

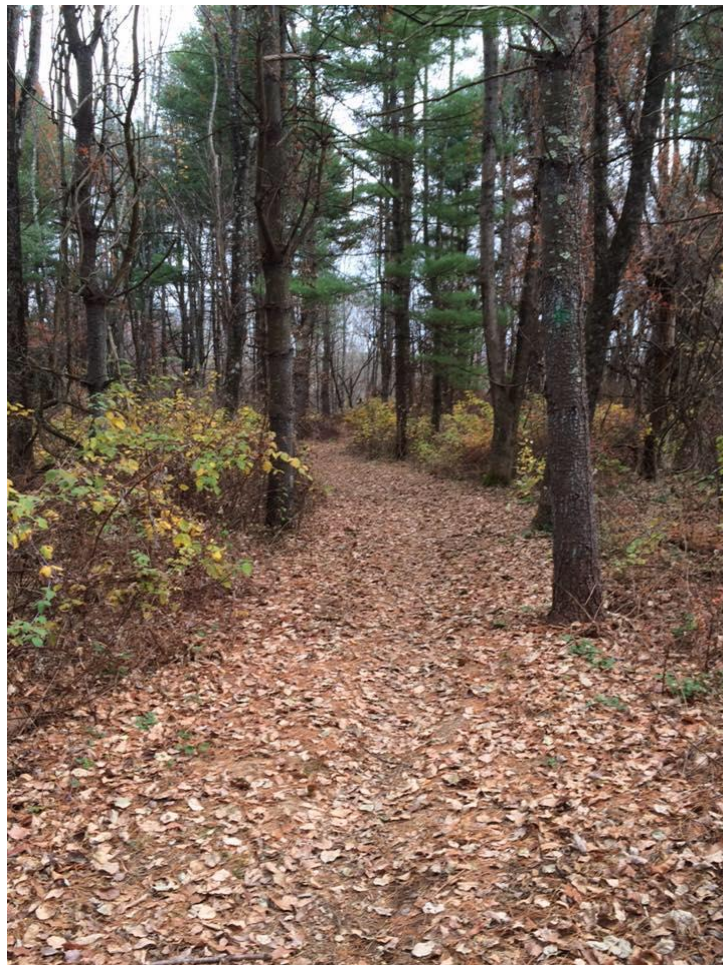
**Pachaug State Forest:** Celeste Santos-Rivera reported that the 6, 7 & 14 mile loops have been marked with yellow diamonds. Becky Griffin & Jen Coffey did the marking on all the trails and Celeste wrote the mileage on the tags and marked the roads. Also help was from Linda Krull. Celeste is working on the 10 mile loop.

**Natchaug State Forest:** The final phase of the solar toilets are now installed!!!

### **Newtown Bridle Lands Association: The “Trail of Angels”**

A memorial trail created by the Newtown Bridle Lands Association, the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation, and the 2nd Company Governor's Horse Guard.

The Trail of Angels on the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation property connects to other areas of fields and trails on town and state land at Fairfield Hills.



Now that the majority of the work has been completed, please consider donating so that they can continue to raise funds for the items on this special trail that are still needed.

Your donations towards this project are greatly appreciated and impactful towards their goals!

Please consider donating at our GoFundMe.com page: <https://www.gofundme.com/dn53kqf4>

## Granby Horse Council - Veterans Day Parade



**Reddington Rock Riding Club:** Ann Moses reported that the club won first prize for their float in the Four Town Fair Parade. .. Members of RRRC that are also CHC-VHP wore their shirts and the VHP was represented on the float that represented the forests in which they ride and patrol.



The horse was made of birch trees



CHC-VHP Member Sue Taricani





## CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Next meeting is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

All are welcome to attend. The EAC will meet from 6:30-9 PM **at the** Eversource (formerly Northeast Utilities) meeting room located at 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT at 6:30 pm.

<http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac>

#### **ABOUT the CT Equine Advisory Council:**

The Council was established on May 22, 2007 by [Public Act 07-42](#) to assist the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection with issues related to the preservation of equine trails in the state.

**Membership:** The council consists of the president of the Connecticut Horse Council and five representatives from organizations that serve the horse industry within each congressional district statewide in addition to one member of the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

Current members are:

**Fred Mastele** is President for CHC

**Meg Sautter**, Newington / First Congressional District.

CT Horse Council -Volunteer Horse Patrol Supervisor, and avid trail rider throughout the State of Connecticut, State Animal Response Team (SART) member - Region 3/5, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member (EHartford, Region 3).

**Vacant** / Second Congressional District.

**Diane Ciano**, Plymouth / Fifth Congressional District.

CT Horse Council -Volunteer Horse Patrol Supervisor, Trails Chairperson for CHC, and avid trail rider throughout the State of Connecticut, State Animal Response Team (SART) member - Region 5, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member.

**Ruth Beardsley**, Bethany / Third Congressional District.

CT Horse Council, CT Dressage & Combined Training Association, Bethany Horsemen, Bethany Horse Council, Bethany Zoning Board of Appeals, attorney, adjunct professor of Equine Law at Post University, horse owner.

**David Frazzinelli**, Newtown / Fourth Congressional District.

**Laurie Giannotti**, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Liaison

**Eric Hammerling**, Connecticut Forest & Park Association

#### **Goals:**

1. Promote equestrian use on public lands.
2. Preserve, maintain and restore existing trails.
3. Promote the development of new "Multi-Use" trails.
4. Document and create maps for trails used by equestrians.

# *Save the Date in 2016*



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## **2016 Connecticut Horse Symposium Saturday – Sunday March 5 & 6**

University of Connecticut, Storrs campus  
Horsebarn Hill Arena

### **Events Include:**

- Clinic with Ben Wallace on body control, softness and movement, including a bridless ride by Ben!
- Clinic with Meg Brauch on straightness training, including a liberty demo by Meg!
- Hands on horse science day: learn how to perform a fecal flotation exam, take TPR, and more!
- Learn how to improve your riding or driving by picking up techniques from the pros!
- UConn Morgan Drill Team
- UConn Polo Match
- Vendor fair

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**Sunday - Same prices as above except there is no all day pass**

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

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

Directions: <http://admissions.uconn.edu/content/lvc/directions-parking>

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## **Horse Owner's Corner- Timely Tips – Winter – How to Plan Ahead and Prepare for Your Horse Related Activities?**

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, UConn Equine Extension Specialist and CHC Education Chair

The change in seasons from fall to winter tends to make most horse people in Connecticut want to cringe. But you can enjoy this season more fully if you take some steps to prepare in advance. Soon you will be dashing through the snow with a smile on your face!

Many horse owners will choose to blanket their horse, especially if they plan to show since they will have most likely clipped their horse. Horses can do fine without a blanket if they are allowed to grow a coat. Just remember that horses with wet or short coats will only be comfortable at temperatures of 60 degrees F or more. Those with a moderate coat can be comfortable at 50 degrees F or more and a heavy coat, at 30 degrees F or more. Once temperatures go below that, horses will need more energy to maintain their body temperature and warmth. We usually recommend feeding 1-3 additional flakes of hay to make up this energy, since the heat of fermentation will warm them at lower temperatures. Horses generate this heat because unlike us, they ferment fiber in the hindgut and a side product of this process is heat.

It is important to prepare for slippery footing in the winter. Many a horse or unsuspecting equestrian has been sidelined for falling in this season. Going into winter, keep a careful eye out for places where water may be ponding and try to address any drainage issues before the winter. Have traction devices available for those cleaning stalls, some ideas would be slip on shoe devices which will go right over your boots such as stabilicers or microspikes. You can also use sand, pet-friendly ice melter products, sawdust or kitty litter to reduce the possibility of slipping on paths leading to and from the paddocks, in the gate area, and to/from the manure pile. Have some ready for when you need it. Cooking spray can be used on horses to prevent snowballs from forming but does wear off. Consider using “popper” or snowball pads to prevent this. Some horses may need something like borium to provide greater traction if you plan on continuing to ride. Also have a plan for snow removal, and clean gutters and downspouts and inspect them for the need for repairs so that ice dams are not able to form.

Another thing to prepare for would be a potential power outage. If you require electricity to water your horses, you should make sure that an emergency supply of water will be available in the event of a power outage. You could store this in an area where it won't freeze and have it available in garbage cans with lids or whatever makes getting water most efficient for you. Use of frost free hydrants can also help mitigate this problem. It is very important to keep your horse drinking to prevent colic, and most horses prefer to drink water that is around 65 degrees F in winter, so consider installing water heaters. Be sure to have flashlights, headlamps, etc. on hand as well. This is also not a bad time to check for any faulty wiring in the devices you plan to use in the barn. Many barn fires have started from this issue. Try to avoid using portable heaters as they have been a major source of barn fires as well! In my nightwatching days at Elmendorf Farm in Lexington, Kentucky when I was in college (my part time job filling in for the regular) I once saw a line of fire run from the wall to the portable heater in the guard shack! I was luckily there and able to stamp it out. Imagine if that had been in a barn full of hay and horses!

Following these tips will hopefully have you heading out of the winter season with a spring still in your step, having weathered the storms!! Winter doesn't have to be a miserable time if we take the time to prepare. Remember to look around you and appreciate the beauty of the seasons. After all, we only have one life to live, why not be grateful for our daily opportunities to be around horses and enjoy the nature around us in all its splendor? Please call (860) 486-4471 or email [jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu](mailto:jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu) if you have any questions. Also, check out my web site <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/extension/extensionIndex.php> for more information on upcoming horse specialist events and other information. Thanks, and have fun with your horses!

### **Sources**

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/25673/winter-care-for-horses#.Vk3bUr-Gd40>

# **Risk Control - Keeping Yourself and Your Property Safe this Winter**

By Ronald Hocutt

By now we're all starting to adjust to the new "normal" for winter snow and ice. As we prepare to go into winter this year, we all hope the weather will be mild, but if the last few years are any indication, we'll probably be dealing with some above-normal snow fall. As a general reminder for CHC members, we've compiled a few suggestions to help you keep you and your property safe. We hope these help you, your family, and your horses avoid any of the less pleasant aspects of winter, freeing you up to enjoy some winter riding.

## **Safety First**

As you plan for winter, remember that being safe (and keeping your horses safe) is your number one priority. This includes slips and falls that can put you out of commission for weeks. To that end, invest in good footwear that is slip resistant. Nothing takes the charm out of winter more than throwing your back out by slipping on ice. Cover walkways with slip resistant material and take the time to route any downspouts and other sources of water away from walkways and other traffic areas. It's also a good time to speak to your farrier to discuss the best treatment for your horses hoofs based on your intended winter activities. One additional item to remember – falls from roofs injure many people every year. This is DANGEROUS work and worth hiring a qualified, licensed contractor to take care of it.

For those who trail ride, be sure to dress warmly to avoid cold hands. It's difficult to hold reins when you can't feel your fingers. Also be aware of the snow-blindness that occurs when you bring a horse in from a snow covered pasture into a relatively dark barn. You may have sunglasses on but the horse doesn't, so go slowly and let their eyes adjust to the new light level.

## **Beware of Collapse Hazards**

One of the most devastating and visual reminders of the power of winter is a building collapse. With the snow loads we've been seeing since 2011, many buildings have simply been unable to support the weight. And when the wind blows, the problem gets worse as snow piles up unevenly in valleys and other areas of a roof. To prevent collapse, consider the following:

- If you can use a snow rake from the ground to clear a small roof, go ahead and do it. If not, time to call a qualified insured contractor; the money you'll save is not worth your life and a contractor can do it safely.
- Don't rely on your visual inspection of the roof to determine snow load. Looks are deceiving and the snow load can be much deeper than it appears. If the roof has borne successive large snowfalls without shedding, you can be certain it has a heavy load, and as such should be cleared.
- Don't wait until the beams are creaking to call someone – it may already be too late and can be very dangerous for both the occupants of the building (e.g. your horses) and the person clearing the roof.
- New cracks in a home's drywall (especially around corners of doorways) and doors that don't close as well as they used to can be indicators of a high snow load, and time to call a contractor.
- When you do call a contractor, make sure you get a certificate of insurance (a "CI") that shows both general liability and worker's compensation coverage. Lack of this coverage on the part of the contractor could cost the homeowner significantly in the event of an accident or loss.
- Be certain to get a written estimate of the job in advance and check references. A bad contractor can do more harm than good. Also beware of low-ball bids as they can be an indicator of substandard work

Accidents and building collapses can be devastating, and by following some of the suggestions above, you may avoid some of the more unpleasant aspects of winter, leaving you free to enjoy the beauty of a winter trail ride.

## CHC Membership Report

Thank You to all who stopped by the booth at Equine Affaire. It was great to see old friends and meet new horse people. A reminder to all who did not go to Equine Affaire that your membership needs to be renewed as of Jan 1, 2016. Thank you to Fred & Cheryl Mastele, Laurianne Goulet, & Ron Hocutt for helping at the booth. A special thankyou to Laurianne for making the beautiful wreath that was the door prize for joining or renewing your membership. Congrats to Cathy & Jim Clouse on winning the wreath. I also must thank my grandson Broden Wells for loading the truck and helping to put it all away after the weekend. The following people either renewed or joined.

### Individual Members

Patricia & Robert Bandzes  
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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.**

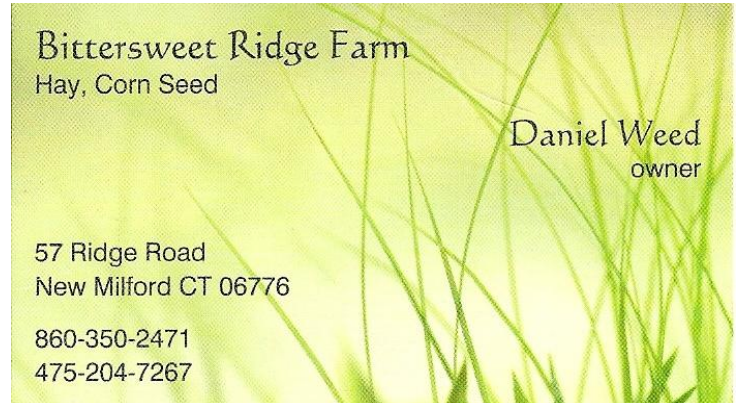


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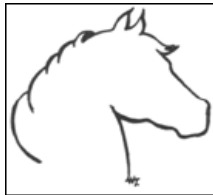
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Sylvia Preston [www.middleburybridle.org](http://www.middleburybridle.org)



**New England Arabian Trail Organization**  
[www.orgsites.com/ct/neato](http://www.orgsites.com/ct/neato)



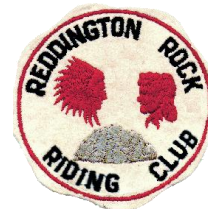
**Newtown Bridle Lands Association**  
[www.nblact.com](http://www.nblact.com)



**North West Draft Horse Association**  
[www.northwestctdrafthorse.com](http://www.northwestctdrafthorse.com)



**Pomfret Horse & Trail Association**  
[www.pomfrehorseandtrail.com](http://www.pomfrehorseandtrail.com)



**Reddington Rock Riding Club**  
[www.RRRCLUB.ORG](http://www.RRRCLUB.ORG)

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THE CONNECTICUT HORSE COUNCIL, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2016

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Durham, CT 06422-0057

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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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature