



Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

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2020 WINTER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

January is once again time to renew your CT Horse Council membership.

We appreciate your membership and support! Included in your membership your subscription to the magazine CT Horse Magazine delivered to your address. Thank you to all who have renewed their membership at the Equine Affair and to all our new members.

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.

Supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 13-15 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.

ATTENTION Supporting Organizations and Businesses: We will be reviewing current memberships and ask that you renew by the end of February to stay on our WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTERS. Please send in your dues and PDF or j-Peg if you have any changes before March 1st.

E-mail to: DianeMCiano@gmail.com & Laurianne Goulet CTHorse911@cthorsecouncil.org

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! See pages 20-21 for your 2020 application. If you have already renewed, thank you for your support.

The CT Horse Council (CHC) meets at Eversource Energy meeting room located at 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT at 7:30-9 PM.

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH - 7:30 PM
Winter Horse Care -The Latest Innovations and Research -
Presented by Dr. Jenifer Nadeau

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**Farewell
Frederick Mastele
CT Horse Council President
2014-2019**

Fred Mastele

November 22, 1949 - November 15, 2019

Fred Mastele was a member of the CT Horse Council since 2000 and served as 1st Vice President for 9 years, and President from 2014-2019. The picture below with his wife Cheryl was taken in 2010 when he received the CHC Appreciation Award for his 10 years of service to the Connecticut Horse Council. He also has served the Council in Public Relations and as the past editor of the Newsletter for several years. Fred was a member of the Volunteer Horse Patrol since its beginning in 2003.

Fred also served on the New England National Scenic Trail Stewardship Council, as representative for the Durham Trail Stewardship Council, Chairman of the Trail Use Committee and was involved with the Trail Management and Maintenance Committees.

Both Fred and Cheryl are founding members & officers of the New England Arabian Trail Organization (NEATO) and served on Region 16 of the Arabian Horse Association.

Fred has also served as an officer and board member of the Arabian Horse Club of Connecticut and the Connecticut Horse Shows Association.

No services were held for Fred. Donations can be made in his name to:

Manes and Motions Therapeutic Riding Center
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Middlesex County 4-H
c/o Carol Birdsey
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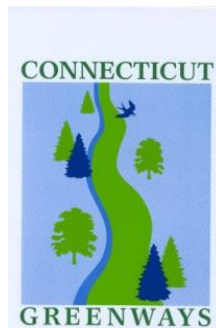
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CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

JOIN US – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th at our CHC Meeting

Please RSVP to: <http://bit.ly/Feb4Equine> so that we can plan on Ice Cream from the UCONN Dairy Barn



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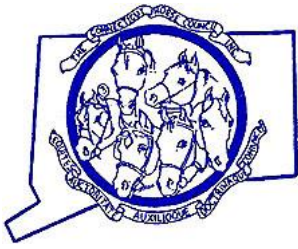
EXTENSION & ANIMAL SCIENCE

Winter Horse Care - The Latest Innovations and Research

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH AT 7:30 PM
EVERSOURCE, 107 SELDEN ST, BERLIN

Presented by Dr. Jenifer Nadeau

Free event sponsored by CT Horse Council-
UConn ice cream will be served.
Please pre-register: <http://bit.ly/Feb4Equine>



Volunteer Horse Patrol Annual Meeting & OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY, MARCH 7th
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pot Luck & Raffle Items

Bring a dish of your choice – Items for Tea Cup Raffle - \$ for 50-50 Raffle

WELCOME -New & Interested members

Company 1 Firehouse 1485 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111
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Directions

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Rte. 9 North exit 29 (Rte.175 Cedar Street). Right at bottom of ramp onto Cedar Street. Turn right at 6th light onto Main St. 3rd light (a blinker) turn right into Co 1 Firehouse lot

PLEASE park in rear

84 East to Rte. 372 New Britain (LEFT EXIT 35) to Rte. 9 North

84 West to Rte. 9 South to exit 29. Left at bottom of ramp to light. Right onto Fenn Rd. 2nd light turn left onto Cedar Street

91 North to Rte. 9 North to exit 29.

91 South to either 84 West and Rte. 9 South

2020 Connecticut Horse Symposium

Saturday, March 28

Sponsored by the CAHNR Department of Animal Science

Events include:

- Sessions on Equine as a Second Language, Clarity of a Paycheck and Natural and Positive under Saddle with Rebecca Howard of Sandy Hook Equestrian Center
- Get your questions answered right away from the pros!
- Vendor Fair
- Hands on Horse Science! Learn how to body condition score a horse, learn about natural oils that can be used with you and your horse, and meet the hounds of Tanheath Hunt Club!
- Bring your own horse and participate in a clinic (pre-registration required)

As Always a Great Value!

\$20 Adults
All Day Pass

\$10 1-3pm

\$5 Age 9-18/ 4-H Leaders/ UConn
Students/ 4-H Members/ after 1PM

\$35 Active Participation - Ride or Drive in a Clinic
(+ \$20/session to use a UConn horse)

\$30 UConn students, Horse Practicum and 4-H Members
active participation (+ \$20/day to use a UConn horse)

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

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Sponsors and Vendors welcome - call or email for more info

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UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S HORSE SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2020 9 AM – 3 PM

Natural Horsemanship/Positive Reinforcement Clinic with Rebecca Howard



Join Rebecca Howard for a fun and interesting clinic! Rebecca's obsession is integrating "Natural Horsemanship" and positive reinforcement ("clicker training") into a system of training for her own and clients' horses. Research shows that Natural Horsemanship and clicker-trained animals learn faster, retain longer and bond stronger with the handler!

Rebecca is equally obsessed with human and animal psychology and is halfway through a Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a focus on animal assisted therapies. She has advanced training and certifications as an equine specialist for personal development and mental health and is the Equine Specialist for the non-profit Embrace Hope- Sandy Hook Equine Assisted Therapy.

9-10 AM Session 1: Equine As A Second Language (limited to 6 handlers)

Understanding principles of Prey Animal Intelligence. We will begin to understand and speak the Horse's Language (we will have a human accent.) The principles of Natural Horsemanship are based on the Horse's own language and principles of leadership. Unmounted foundation patterns.

10-11 AM Session 2: The Clarity of a Paycheck (limited to 6 handlers)

What do Humans want? The horse does not inherently care about the dressage scoring system, or whatever human activity we want to perform in. He does not inherently understand it either. We will begin to give the horse clarity around our intention, and what's in it for him. Positive reinforcement can make a 180 degree improvement in a horse's motivation and relaxation. Unmounted "Clicker Training" foundation patterns.

11 AM -12 PM Session 3: Natural and Positive Under Saddle (limited to 6 handlers)

Combining Principles of Natural Horsemanship and Positive Reinforcement to our work under saddle. It will look like basic correct training in a snaffle bridle- regardless of English or Western tack. Where the horse is first allowed to release tension, stretch his topline and lower his head, because he can psychologically accept our leadership, instead of any use of "auxiliary tack."

Sign up for a clinic under "2020 CT Horse Symposium" at:

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

Registration Form – Rebecca Howard Natural Horsemanship Clinic

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

What You Would Like to Learn _____

Session: (Check each you would like to participate in, each session is priced individually)

___ Equine as a Second Language (\$35, \$30 4-H/UConn students/Horse Practicum participants)

___ The Clarity of a Paycheck (\$35, \$30 4-H/UConn students/Horse Practicum participants))

___ Natural and Positive Under Saddle (\$35, \$30 4-H/UConn students/Horse Practicum participants)

___ \$20 to use a UConn Horse (per session; includes all sessions if 4-H/UConn students/Horse practicum participants)

Name of Horse Requested (list more than one choice): _____

___ \$20 audit the entire day

___ \$10 for age 9-18, 4-H leaders/members; UConn students; youth groups, senior citizens

___ Total Amount Included

This clinic will be followed by a demonstration by the UConn Dressage Team, the UConn Drill Team and a Cowboy Mounted Shooting Clinic. These will happen 1-2 PM. At 2 PM, we will have Hands On Horse Science in which you can learn about a lot of the latest horse health innovations and activities!

Equine Health Form for Visiting and Donated Horses must be completed and brought with you that day including negative Coggins, a veterinary certificate if out of state, rabies within 1 yr – 28 days prior, Eastern/Western/West Nile Virus/Tetanus/Flu/Rhino within 1 year and a 3 day temperature log. You will not be allowed to unload your horse until we receive this paperwork.

ASTM/SEI approved helmets required for all participants as per UConn Horse Barn rules.

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau

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If there are any questions, please call Jenifer Nadeau at (860) 486-4471, FAX at (860) 486-4375 or email jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Must be received by 2/29/20.

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Your CHC Representation around the state...



The Connecticut Equine Advisory 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.

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 Study** 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.

Trail User 14 Year Study

*The VHP Hours and statistics taken from 2003-2016 were compiled into a study that is a great source of information for equestrians, trail planners, and Land Management Administrations. This is the **first** ever study done on who is using our parks, forests, open space, land trusts and private lands. The study can be found on the CT Equine Advisory Council website along with the Trail Surface Study: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> under "Links" and on our CHC website.*

EAC Meeting Notes from 12/20/19

Present: Ron Hocutt, Ruth Beardsey, Ruth Strontzer, Meg Sautter, Diane Ciano, Eric Hammerling

Guests: Danielle Borelli, Vevette Greenberg. Both will be submitting their requests for appointment to the Council. Gary Rutkauskas was also present

Legislation: Eric Hammerling of C Forest & Park Association reported that there is no bonding for the Recreational Program and is unlikely future bonding will be approved. The CT Forest & Park Association (CFPA) is working to get the state of CT back into the Federal Highway Program. CT is the only state that does not participate in the program. September 2020 is the deadline.

The CT Outdoor Recreation Alliance (CORA) is an organization supported by private recreational businesses to help businesses in leadership to promote outdoor recreation and work on a statewide trails map. CORA presented this at the CT Trails Symposium and will be working with the UCONN Trail Census to develop a Trail Finder Community Web site. He encouraged members to promote this organization and to learn how they can help. www.ctoutdoors.org

Legislation continued:

Eric also reported that 17 ½ million dollars in revenues was received from the Passport to Parks fee on vehicle registrations.

Discussion on the Greenways License Plate – Revenues go to the General Fund. It has been worked on in the past to get the funds back into the Greenways fund but has been unsuccessful in the past. This year is a short legislation session and unlikely to get this done because of the state's budget issues. Perhaps in the future we can get legislation to pass to change the wording that the sale of the license plate could be changed to a "Donation" to the Greenways Fund that would keep it from going into the General Fund.

Old Business:

- 1. Update on Horse Camping Project:** This was discussed previously in the reports for Cockaponset SF & Machimoodus/Sunrise SP. Plans will continue over the winter months to present to the DEEP.
- 2. Update on 2nd Congressional District:** Ruth Strontzer was appointed to the Equine Advisory Council by Senator Looney on October 25, 2019
- 3. Discussion on 3rd Congressional District:** A replacement for member Ruth Beardsley was discussed. Danielle Borelli has come forward to apply for the appointed position. She will be submitting her resume to the EAC. Ruth Beardsley will remain on the council until her position is filled. Danielle is a resident of Northford which is in this district of towns listed below. **The appointment is made by the Majority Leader of the House, Representative Matthew Ritter.** *(Bethany, Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Branford, Derby, Durham, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, Naugatuck, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Prospect, Seymour, Shelton and Stratford)*
- 4. Discussion on the CFPA Appointment:** Eric will follow up on his official appointment by the Senate Minority Leader.

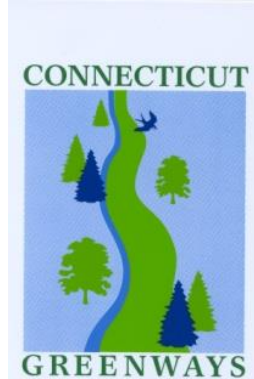
New Business:

- 1. 4th Congressional District appointed by the House Republican Leader:**
David Frassinelli submitted his resignation letter on September 20, 2019 for this position due to time and travel constraints. Vevette Greenberg from Oxford has applied for the position and will submit her resume to the EAC.
The appointment is made by the House Minority Leader, Themis Klarides.
This district includes the towns listed below with past appointees:
*(Ridgefield, Redding, Monroe, **Oxford (Judy Beliveau 2011) / Gail Kosakowski 2008** Greenwich, Shelton, Trumbull, Easton, Weston, Wilton, Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport, Norwalk, New Canaan, Darien, Stamford, **Danbury- David Frassinelli***
- 2. Request for Equestrians for DEEP Winter Festival:** Diane mentioned that the CHC-VHP is looking for volunteers to bring their horses **Saturday, Feb 1st** to this well attended event at Burr Pond State Park in Torrington.
- 3. Sadly, Fred Mastele, President of CT Horse Council passed away in November.**
CHC is looking for someone to take over this position. Ron Hocutt, 1st Vice President is Acting President until CHC has a special election.

2020 Meeting Dates: March 19, June 18, September 17 & December 10 or 17th (TBA) 2020
The public is welcome to attend

Your CHC Representation around the state...

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 in the coordination of state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in voluntarily planning and implementing a system of greenways; providing assistance to state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens 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. Many Council members have had direct experience with trail and greenway development, and they can provide valuable insight into the development of successful local and regional projects.

The Council solicits nominations every February for official state greenway designation. Potential applicants are welcome to submit pre-proposals anytime to allow for discussions with CGC members and facilitation of new greenway designations when appropriate.

The Council hosts CT Greenways Day in June a CT Trails Symposium in the fall.

The council also reviews applications and awards grants submitted for the Recreational Trails Program when monies are available.

Our CHC Representative is Stacey Stearns.

The CT Greenways Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meets at 9:30 am on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August, and December) at the offices of VHB, Inc. located at 100 Great Meadow Road Suite 200, in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Conference call option is available. Conference Call in Number: 1 (605) 472-5814. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 663-681-285, followed by the # key

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

For further information about the Connecticut Greenways Council, contact Laurie Giannotti, DEEP Liaison to the Council at: CT DEEP 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 424-3578
laurie.giannotti@ct.gov

Horse Owner's Corner- Timely Tips –

Researchers Try to Answer the Question To Blanket Or Not to Blanket

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

To blanket or not to blanket? That is often the question! Some scientists from Norway decided to give horses the chance to answer that question.

In a paper entitled “Horses can learn to use symbols to communicate their preferences”, the scientists taught 23 horses 3 different symbols that either meant “take blanket off”, “put blanket on” or “no change”. The horses were trained with positive reinforcement training for 2 or 3 sessions per day for 5-7 days/week for 5 minutes a day with 2-3 repetitions and 5 minutes between sessions. During the first 4 steps in the study, the horse was trained to approach and touch the display board with its muzzle and a short, sharp “Ya!” sound was given as a clicker (the researchers found it too hard to use an actual clicker wearing winter gloves). The horse was then rewarded with thin slices of carrot presented in a bucket with a raised bottom. The horse was trained to touch the display board independent of board position and when the horse had to move up to 5 meters to reach the board. Once the horse identified, approached and touched the board firmly without hesitation in 8 consecutive trials the researchers moved on to step 5. In step 5, only one display board was used at a time, like “blanket off” if and only if the horse had a blanket on. When the horse touched the display board, it got a food reward in the bucket and the meaning of the symbol was carried out straight away (like blanket taken off). All horses were trained both with and without a blanket with consecutive repetitions to learn to associate each of the two symbols with a definite outcome, blanket off or on. At step 6 both “blanket off” and “blanket on” symbols were presented at the same time. The horse was rewarded with a treat only when touching the board with the relevant symbol, like “blanket on” if not wearing a blanket. The first two times the change symbols were presented at the same time with the relevant symbol placed closer to and in front of the horse to increase the chance of a “correct” touch. Later, board position was varied.

In Step 7, horses were given a heat test and then a cold test. The heat test was performed by the researchers putting a thick blanket on the horse so the horse became hot and checking that it would touch the display board with the “blanket off” symbol. The cold test was done on a separate day, keeping the horse outdoors in rain or chilly weather, without a blanket, until it began to show signs of thermal discomfort (tense body posture, tail tucked) and then checked that the horse chose the “blanket on” symbol. In Step 8, the horse had to touch the board with the relevant symbol without any error in the last 12 trials. At step 9, the third “no change” symbol was introduced. All horses showed interest for and touched the white board after it was introduced and the touch was rewarded with carrot slices but no change in blanketing. When a horse was judged to have understood the meaning of all 3 symbols, it was then presented with two display boards with relevant symbols, no change and either “blanket on” or “blanket off and then retested with heat/cold tests with one session/day or two sessions with a ½ - 1 hour in between for the horse to feel the consequence of wearing or not wearing the blanket.

After training was completed the horse was tested under varying weather conditions from Feb to May and late August to December outdoors with or without a blanket on. The blanket was individual for each horse and varied with hair coat status and weather conditions. The horses were turned out for 2 hours then the horse to be tested was haltered and led to the separate testing area and given two display boards with the relevant symbols, no change and blanket on or blanket off. Any

choice was rewarded with a treat in a bucket and after changing blanket status or performing a sham blanketing procedure, the horse was returned to its paddock.

All 23 of the horses (100%) successfully learned the task within 14 training days and could differentiate between each symbol. Horses of warmblood type needed slightly but significantly fewer training days than horses of cold-blood type probably because the warmblood horses had previous experience with positive reinforcement training. Horses chose to stay without a blanket in nice weather, and they chose to have a blanket on when the weather was wet, windy and cold. This study shows that horses had an understanding of the consequence of their blanket choice on their own thermal comfort, and they successfully learned to tell the researchers their preferences by using symbols.

Every day, new discoveries are made that are of benefit to the equine industry. Your equine extension specialists, professors and researchers are constantly working to improve horse health and well-being. I hope that you will reflect on this article and perhaps make a donation to an area of equine research, teaching, or outreach. Feel free to call or email with any questions you have: (860) 486-4471 or jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Also, check out my web site <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/extension/extensionIndex.php> for more information on upcoming horse specialist events and information. What topics would you like to see in the horse owner's corner next month? Send ideas to jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Thanks, and have fun with your horses!

Reference

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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

2019 SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS – Please Renew for 2020



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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.**

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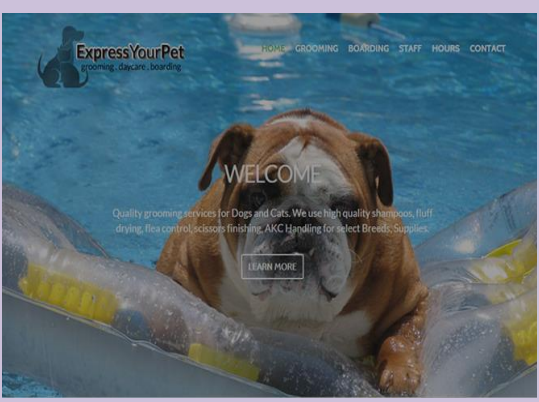
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2020

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 _____

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.

_____ Date _____

Signature

Make checks payable to:

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P.O. Box 57
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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