



# Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

Check out our website at [www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org)

## 2020 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who have re-newed their membership 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.

CHC has partnered with CT Horse Magazine. Your 2020CHC membership will include your subscription to the magazine delivered to your address.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages **20-23** 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.

*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! See pages 25-26 for a 2020 application.** If you have already renewed, thank you for your support.

## Your CHC Representation around the state...

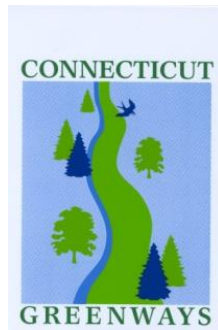
### CONNECTICUT HORSE COUNCIL



### VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL



CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL



### CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- SCORP – State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- CT State Trails Plan
- CT State Forest Plan

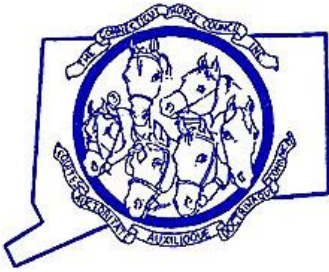
## CT Horse Council is Part of iGive



Want to help out the CT Horse Council? We are a part of [igive.com](https://www.igive.com). Just go to [igive.com](https://www.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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### *A message from the President:*

#### ***Update on Re-Open Connecticut and Equine facilities***

We Are Stronger Together It's safe to say that this time has been an unusual one for everyone. This experience is unprecedented in our lifetimes and has presented unique challenges to every person and industry. The equine industry, of course, is no different, with the added difficulty of ensuring good care and maintenance of our horses during this period. Within the space of less than a week, the entire industry had to conjure up new operating procedures, guidelines, and best practices out of thin air, all while keeping both humans and horses safe. It has been our pleasure as the CT Horse Council to represent fellow equestrians in securing guidelines friendly to the industry (while still providing for the safety of the people involved). As we've sought to be heavily involved with this process, we have received an overflow of inquiries, concerns, feedback, and suggestions regarding these issues from equestrians across the state – many of whom are not part of the Horse Council. While we do consider ourselves to represent ALL in the equine community in CT, our voice is significantly muted by the low representative sample of CT horse people counted in our membership. If we as a horse community in CT wish to be heard during times such as this (and others such as the "Vicious Animal" nightmare), then it is critical that we speak for a broad cross section of the community with a loud voice – a voice that can only be measured by the number of members in the Council. A small number of members = a small voice. A large number of members = a large voice. That's just the way it works. We aren't out of this mess yet, but we will continue to work closely with the State Department of Agriculture (along with the CT Farm Bureau and UCONN) to put in place re-opening procedures that make sense for us as a community. In the meantime, I ask you to consider becoming a part of the voice of the equine community in Connecticut. The membership fee is negligible and is used to help us educate the non-horse community about our cause, advocate at the state level for friendly legislation, and preserve trails and equine rights in the state. Won't you please consider joining us? You can find our membership form at [www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org). Please remember, the time to become involved is before something happens. Only then can we speak with one loud voice for the rights and needs of all equestrians in Connecticut.

Ronald Hocutt President, CT Horse Council

Website for Updates on Covid for Farmers: [COVID-19 Updates and Resources Here](#)

Questions re: COVID-19? Email us at [AGR.COVID19@ct.gov](mailto:AGR.COVID19@ct.gov)

## Horse Owner's Corner- Timely Tips – Coronavirus in Horses

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

When I first heard about the coronavirus outbreak, I thought to myself, gee, that sounds like a familiar disease. As an associate professor in Animal Science and Equine Extension Specialist, you learn about many things most horse enthusiasts may never come across. I remembered hearing about coronavirus causing diarrhea in foals, and I was right! The year 2010 was when some coronavirus outbreaks occurred throughout the world in adult horses, but luckily, horses have never transmitted the disease to humans and it is extremely unlikely that the disease would jump into humans from horses. In late summer 2018, several horses were affected by equine coronavirus at a horse show here in the Northeast.

Equine coronavirus or ECoV is classified as a betacoronavirus just like COVID-19 (SARS CoV-2). Coronavirus is basically microscopic strands of RNA encased in an envelope of proteins. It was given the name of a coronavirus because it looks like it is wearing a crown when viewed under a microscope. While bacteria can multiply on their own, a virus like ECoV needs to take over a host cell (such as a cell that lines the horse's gastrointestinal tract), taking over its resources to divide and make more virus particles. A horse must ingest the feces of a horse or something contaminated with the feces of a horse infected with the virus in order to become infected. The virus then travels to the small intestine, where it attached to specific receptors on the intestinal cells using proteins sticking out from its outer envelopes. The particles then fuse with the host's cell, the RNA enters the host cell and integrates itself into the host cell's DNA. It then uses the cells resources to replicate, making thousands more of these virus-causing particles.

Coronavirus has been found in both foals with intestinal disease and normal foals. In central Kentucky, it was found in 30% of foals. The sign in foals is diarrhea and the virus has also been found in conjunction with *Rotavirus* or *Clostridium perfringens*. Draft horses, horses used for pleasure, and multiple horses affected on a premise and were more likely to be positive for ECoV in a recent study (Pusterla et al. 2019). After testing 5,250 apparently healthy horses from 18 states, Pusterla reports the horses most at-risk for ECoV reside in the Midwestern U.S., are draft horses; and participate in ranch work/farming or are used in breeding programs. Outbreaks usually last about 3 weeks. ECoV can occur at any time, but is most common in cooler months.

Diagnosis is through the detection of the virus in feces by electron microscopy, quantitative PCR (this test was developed in 2010 for ECoV, it takes 3 business days to get results), and/or isolation of the virus. In a recent study of 20 horses that tested positive for ECoV through fecal testing, only 4 tested positive on nasal swab as well (Pusterla et al. 2019). The researchers felt that the positive nasal tests may have been due to the horses breathing in feces contaminated with the virus. Additionally, in a 2019 study by Pusterla et. al, 7.2% of horses with an acute onset of fever tested positive for ECoV but were diagnosed through fecal testing, nasal testing did not yield the same results so fecal testing should be used to test for ECoV.

A blood sample will show leukopenia (a low white blood cell count) due to neutropenia (a low neutrophil count) and lymphopenia (a low lymphocyte count). As mentioned, recent outbreaks of coronavirus in adult horses resulted in diarrhea and colic.

Pusterla found that approximately 2-6% of horses suspected of infection ultimately test positive for ECoV. However, the number of affected horses has increased over the past eight years most likely due to increased recognition of the disease by veterinarians and owners agreeing to test for it. Horses generally show signs within 48 to 72 hours after exposure to ECoV. Infected horses then will shed the virus in their feces 3 to 4 days after exposure which will continue for another 3 to 25 days on average but has lasted as long as 99 days. Intermittent fecal shedding may occur.

According to a recently published study (Pusterla et al. 2019), the clinical signs of equine coronavirus (with percent affected in parentheses) are:

- 🐾 Anorexia (going off feed) (97%)
- 🐾 Lethargy (88%)
- 🐾 Fever (range, 101.5-106°F median, 103.8°F) (83%)
- 🐾 Soft, watery feces (23%)
- 🐾 Colic (19%)
- 🐾 Encephalopathy (circling, head-pressing, seizures) (3%)

Lack of nasal discharge was significantly associated with horses diagnosed with ECoV meaning that horses did not have nasal discharge (Pusterla et al. 2019). Much like human coronavirus in that there can be asymptomatic carriers, only 130 of the 472 study horses that tested positive for ECoV displayed clinical signs of disease. An estimated 4-83% of affected horses stayed healthy with no signs despite positive tests for ECoV in their feces. The researchers estimate that only about 20% of horses that become infected with ECoV and test positive will show any of the signs of disease. These horses might be sources of disease spread, just like in people with COVID-19.

In the majority of cases, horses return to normal with supportive care such as flunixin meglumine or phenylbutazone and fluids in several days to one week. Occasionally, the disease can progress rapidly and lead to death or euthanasia but this is usually due to disease complications rather than the primary infection. One potentially serious complication is hyperammonemia in which there is excess ammonia production in the bowel due to a change in the intestinal microbiome (bacteria of the intestine). High levels of ammonia then get absorbed into the body and circulate through the bloodstream throughout the body including the brain. While there are no specific treatments for ECoV, with a diagnosis it is still possible to exclude other causes that might have specific treatments, understand disease trends, and guide infection control practices.

Adopting biosecurity practices can help prevent ECoV infection as well as other types of infection. Isolate any new horses from the other horses on your farm for at least 21 days. Isolate any sick or ECoV positive horses and either handle them last or have staff or family members dedicated just to caring for the sick or ECoV positive horses. Wash your hands after handling sick horses and change clothes as well. Use foot baths and disinfectants to minimize spread of the disease. Coronavirus can be inactivated by virtually the same disinfectants that work on human coronavirus: sodium hypochlorite (bleach), povidone iodine, chlorhexidine gluconate, phenols, quarternary ammonium compounds and peroxygen compounds. First remove any organic materials (feces, bedding, etc.) from surfaces as they will decrease the effectiveness of many disinfectants. Be sure all horses are up to date on their vaccinations. Avoid sharing equipment, buckets, etc. between horses, especially at shows and with horses from other premises.

For those hosting shows, all horses (not just those from out of state) should have a health certificate or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection prior to entry and horses should be screened upon entering. An example of this type of screening is that at UConn we require a 3-day temperature log prior to an event. Show ground managers should clean and disinfect the entire facility between horse shows. Remove manure from the stalls and grounds as soon as possible. Show ground managers should have a biosecurity plan in place prior to any event with dedicated biosecurity officers present (they can be specially trained show personnel).

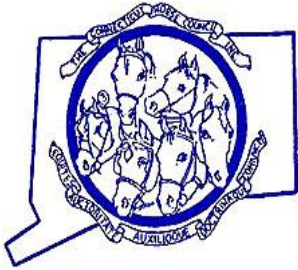
Unfortunately, just as for COVID-19 right now, there is no vaccine available to horses. A research group from Japan recently tested a Betacoronavirus vaccine for use in cows on six young Thoroughbred horses but blood antibody titers were not particularly elevated though it did induce antibody production (Nemoto et al. 2017). They will need to do further testing to see if horses produced enough antibodies to prevent infection and they will also need to ensure that it is safe for use in horses.

Hopefully scientists will soon create a vaccine for both equine and human coronavirus. More effective treatments also need to be developed. Please don't be afraid of your horse as in the very rare case that he or she does acquire coronavirus, he or she is super unlikely to transmit it to you. Do follow CDC guidelines regarding pets: if you get sick with COVID-19, have someone else take care of your horse. If you are sick, avoid contact with your horse including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food or bedding (!). If you must care for your horse when you are sick, wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with it. Feel free to call or email with any questions you have: (860) 486-4471 or [jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu](mailto: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](mailto:jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu). Thanks, and have fun with your horses!

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## Your CHC Representation around the state...



### CT Horse Council TRAIL NEWS Volunteer Horse Patrol



Submitted by Diane Ciano

## Your CHC Representation around the state...

# CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

## Celebrating 17 Years of Service 2003-2019

The VHP has come a long way from its small start in 2003 of 5 patrol areas to over 88 areas around the state, including town parks, open spaces and land trusts. As we continue to grow, we are expanding our riding opportunities and helping to create long distance connecting trails. Congratulations to all members, because each of your patrol logs, no matter how many hours you patrol and maintain trails adds to the grander total of statewide hours. This service provides CHC, DEEP and other Land Management Areas with information on how the equestrian community is continuing its effort to maintain trails for multiple use, while promoting and educating the community and other equestrians of our volunteer efforts.

## Volunteer Horse Patrol Statistics for 2019

For 2019, we had a total of **1,070 patrols**. There were **2,053 Patrol Hours** logged saving the state (that's you and me!) **\$40,034.00** for 2019 alone !



# 2003 – 2019

## CHC – VHP Accomplishments

Established this Mounted Patrol Unit to assist the State during an economic hardship

In the 17 years since, the CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Program has provided **\$ 846,944.00** in volunteer service hours.

This was accomplished through **43,433** hours of patrol and trail *maintenance* throughout the State of CT in our state parks and forests, land trusts, open spaces, town lands, city parks and private lands. *Total # of patrols: 21,948*  
This program helps to protect and preserve the trails of the state.

**For more information contact VHP Supervisors, Diane Ciano or Meg Sautter from the CHC website: [www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org).**

# CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

## 17 YEAR STATISTICS 2003-2017

YEAR	# Of Patrols	Patrol Hours	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS								
			Walkers	Cyclers	Equus	People	Dogs OFF	Dogs ON	Hunters	Motor Cycles	ATV
2003	289	594	335	138	151	168	145	8	13	32	18
2004	432	975	940	294	485	231	96	253	78	162	24
2005	726	1,565	1628	798	1272	421	197	424	12	78	24
2006	1001	2,537	3400	1254	2905	1880	374	988	33	186	37
2007	1299	3,053	2337	909	3310	2706	331	772	23	121	52
2008	1404	3,459	2668	837	2367	3847	382	868	48	77	39
2009	1654	3,905	3224	666	2902	3254	446	1144	23	117	67
2010	3385	3,974	3015	649	3450	3170	351	1123	45	83	42
2011	1909	4,207	3420	794	3254	3318	285	940	130	66	47
2012	1464	3,393	3294	838	2795	3279	366	1167	15	40	27
2013	1216	2,314	2088	484	2318	1275	180	478	8	15	8
2014	1693	3,141	2660	462	3017	2304	201	719	42	35	21
2015	1347	2,437	2746	456	2655	803	242	1290	9	13	20
2016	1284	2,426	2282	590	2476	1755	314	769	41	32	20
14 YEAR TOTALS	19,106	37,980	34,037	9,169	33,357	28,411	3,910	10,943	520	1,057	446
2017	855	1,661	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS NOT TAKEN								
2018	917	1,739	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS NOT TAKEN								
2019	1,070	2,053	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS NOT TAKEN								
TOTAL	21,948	43,433	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS NOT TAKEN								

# 2019 VHP Hour Recognition



Front: Lynda Perry, Vevette Greenberg

Back: Meg Sautter, Diane Ciano, Christel Maturo, Ruth Strontzer, Billie McNealey, Melissa Evarts

Patrol Hours 100+ Hours	
NAME	Patrol Hours
Melissa Evarts	234.5
Susan Crawford	214
Lynda Perry	210
Ruth Strontzer	203
Christel Maturo	168
Rebecca Russell	159
Kristin Elliott Leas	143

Patrol Hours 50+ Hours	
NAME	Patrol Hours
Billie McNealey	80
Meg Sautter	76.5
ShawnaLee Kwashnak	75
Patti Crowther	74
Vevette Greenberg	69.5



Our Annual meeting was a pleasant one with great comradeship and delicious pot luck food! Members shared their stories and networked on trail issues. We held two raffles, one of miscellaneous items that members brought in. New shirts and trailer decals were also for sale.

We raised a total of **\$325.00** for the VHP with raffle items and a 50/50 raffle (\$110.00). received the 50% (\$55.00).

#### **RAFFLES**

**50/50 Raffle - \$110.00 - 50%**

**Tea Cup Raffle**

**Shirts & Decals**

#### **CHC-VHP**

**\$ 55.00 - Cash**

**\$ 240.00 - Cash**

**\$ 30.00 - Cash**

**Total Cash \$ 325.00**

# 2019 Service Awards



## 10 Year Service Recognition 2010-2019



Gloria Ludwig



Heather Hicks



Joan Davis



Melissa Evarts

## WELCOME



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Allison Mongeau - New Hartford



Danielle Borrelli - Northford



Holly Ely - Granby



Sherry Weik – New Hartford



### WELCOME BACK



Barbara White - Killingworth



Gina McManus - Clinton



Peg Lupone - Clinton



Rain Chocholka - Durham



# THANK YOUS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



All our Kitchen and Set Up Crew – Meg Sautter, Denise Ciano,  
Heather Hicks, Joan Davis, Gloria Ludwig, Gary Rutkauskas



Heather Hicks - Certificates

Carol Birdsey – Membership & Raffles

Denise Ciano - Shirt Sales & Raffles

**ALL OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS!**

**TEAMWORK: NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL COMMITTED PEOPLE  
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS" -  
author, unknown**



## [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** and the **CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Trail User Study** can be viewed on: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> under "Links" and on our CHC website. These studies 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.

### **2020 Meeting Schedule:**

The EAC will meet at the [Connecticut Forest & Park Association](#), 16 Meriden Road, in Rockfall, CT from 6:30-8 PM on the following Thursdays: March 19th, June 18th, September 17th, and December 17th. The public is welcomed. Zoom or Conference calls are available.

***Please contact Diane Ciano for current updates for 2020 meetings.***

**DEEP Liaison - Laurie Giannotti**

**CT Horse Council President – Ron Hocutt 2020**

**CT Forest & Park Association - Eric Hammerling**

**1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District – Meg Sautter (Appointed 2008)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District – Ruth Strontzer (Appointed 2019)**

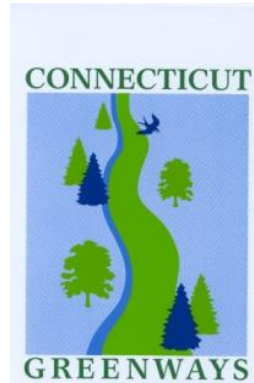
**3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District – Danielle Borelli (Appointed 2020)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District – Open – pending Vevette Greenberg appointment**

**5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District – Diane Ciano (Appointed 2009)**

## Your CHC Representation around the state...

### CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



#### ABOUT:

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.

#### **Our CHC Representative is Stacey Stearns**

Greenways in Connecticut cover thousands of acres throughout every county in the state and may include paved or unpaved trail systems, ridgelines, or linked parcels of open space. Many other communities around Connecticut have chosen, through greenway designation, to recognize the importance of river corridors for natural resource protection, recreational opportunities, and scenic values. The CT Greenways Council website contains details on how to get designations, assistance and a map of our State Greenways.

**For more information on the CT Greenways Council go to:**

**<http://www.ct.gov/deep/greenways>**

***Following page is pictures & dates of Greenways awards given to CHC-VHP and CHC members and organizations***





**2004 Greenways Recognition Award**  
For establishment of a Volunteer Horse Patrol



**2010 Greenways Recognition Award**  
Volunteer of the Year Group Award



**2017 Ginger Tullai**



**2017 Ann Moses**



**2019 Beverly Torell & Melissa Evarts with Awards**  
(BPC & LCRVHC)

- **1999 Jan Collins** received a Greenways Lifetime Achievement for her work in helping to preserve trails in Somers. Jan served on the Council from 2009-2015.
- **2004 CHC-VHP** received a Greenways Council award for its work in establishing the Volunteer Horse Patrol.
- **2010 CHC-VHP** received the Volunteer of the Year Group Award.
- **2013 Diane Ciano** received the CT Greenways Council Recognition Award from the Greenways Council for her contributions to the Success of Greenways in Connecticut and advocacy in preserving the character and beauty of trails in our state." The award also recognized her as the founder of the CHC-VHP. Diane served on the Council for 12 years from 1996 to 2008.
- **2017 Ann Moses** received the Volunteer Achievement Award for her work with the Town of Somers and Land Trust.
- **2017 Ginger Tullai** received the Council's "Unsung Her Award" for her work in VHP and establishing the Friends of Machimoodus State Park.
- **2019 Melissa Evarts** received the Council's "Volunteer Award" "In Recognition of her Dedication to the Development of Greenways"
- **2019 Lower CT River Valley Horsemen's Club & Bridle Path Conservancy** received the "Non-Profit Award" "In Recognition of Dedication to the Development of Greenways"

## **OTHER TRAIL NEWS**

**Natchaug State Forest - Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp.** To date, clean up from the timber harvest at the camp has been halted and will resume. **There is no camping allowed.** We will notify the public when everything has been cleared and camping can be resumed.

### **Larkin State Bridle Trail – Middlebury Land Trust\***

ATVs, motorcycles and off-road vehicles – all illegal use has sky rocketed on the Larkin and private lands of the Middlebury Land Trust \*Note the land trust is only open to members of the Middlebury Bride Land Association (MBLA) – damaging trails, moving boulders blocking entrances, reckless driving encounters with other trail users and trespassing on private lands has been causing a lot of havoc. Most of this activity is being reported in the Middlebury area of: Allerton Rd., Shadduck Rd., Wooster Street, South Street, Long Meadow and the Middlebury Land Trust property off Wooster street as well as the powerlines. DEEP and Middlebury police have been notified and CHC is working with them and the MBLA to help report incidents.

**Community Effort & “Neigh”borhood Watch:** If you are out on the trail, we ask that you **DO NOT** confront any illegal users, but if possible - indiscreetly get as much information as you can, clothing, description of the vehicle, license, time of day, location and report this to CHC or the MBLA. **If** circumstances happen that they can be possibly be “caught” call the DEEP Hotline **860.424.333** if the incident is occurring on **state property**. If the incident is happening on Middlebury street entrances to the trail or on Middlebury private lands, call the Middlebury Police Dept. **203.577.4028**

**Airline Trail – Bolton section:** The CHC is getting complaints that are directed to the DEEP and the CT Greenways Council on horse manure on the **Bolton section of the Airline trail**. CHC works very hard to keep trails open to equestrian use and complaints make it very difficult for us to keep up a good relationship with public complaints to the state and other land management entities.. We need everyone’s help to keep these issues out of the state’s having to answer these complaints. There is talk of putting up signs implementing mandatory clean up (similar to dogs) to clean up after horses! This is so unnecessary - If everyone paid attention to their horse droppings on these well used trails and was considerate of others. It should not have to be repeated every year. Please be aware of your horse droppings on well used trails. **Equestrians, please dismount if you are able, and kick it off to the side and/ or train your horse to curb to the side of the trail. Clean up at trail heads and parking areas.**

**New Horse Camp grounds in CT???** –The CHC is working with the DEEP to have 3 permanent areas to camp. This will take a while, but with the support of equestrians when needed and called upon, we can make it a reality. CHC met with DEEP and other members of horse organizations (CTRA, LCRVHC, BPC, L&G) back in March to discuss 3 areas of interest for additional horse camping: Cockaponset State Forest, Sunrise State Park and Devil’s Hop Yard State Park. CHC continues exploring the areas and communicating with DEEP. We will keep you informed as to the progress.

## 2020 Membership

Carol Birdsey - Membership Secretary [membership@cthorsecouncil.org](mailto:membership@cthorsecouncil.org) 860-344-1804

*If your name is not on the supporting membership list, won't you please consider supporting your only state council. It is greatly appreciated and needed.*

*Thank you in advance. We look forward to serving the equestrian community*

**\* = Volunteer Horse Patrol Members**

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# Business Member Directory

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**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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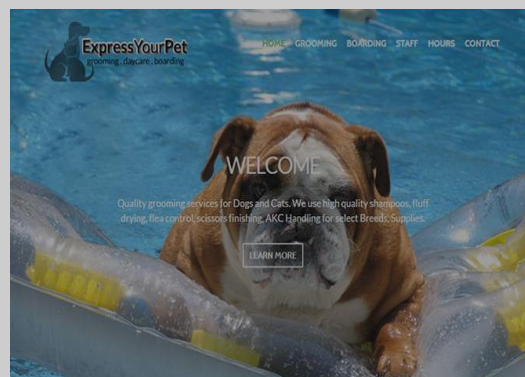
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The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.  
P.O. Box 57  
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# 2020

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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AREAS OF INTEREST (Please check all that apply)

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☐ 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:** The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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**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** \_\_\_\_\_