



Connecticut Horse Council

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2021 SPRING / SUMMER 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 Community Horse Magazine. Your 2021 CHC membership will include your subscription to the magazine delivered to your address. This is your source for everything equestrian in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island! Published each spring and autumn, very issue features farms, horse people, and a comprehensive events calendar is prepared exclusively for each state. In our directory, you'll find a range of horse products, horse-related services, and equestrian businesses in our community.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages **21-22** 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.

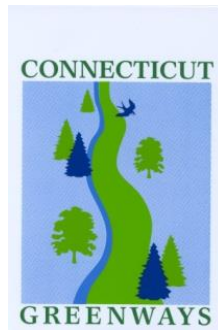
The CHC, Inc., can only be as strong as its membership. Please join us and work together to protect your interests for today and tomorrow! See pages 27-28 for a 2021 application. If you have already renewed, thank you for your support.

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CONNECTICUT HORSE COUNCIL



VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL



CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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

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CT Horse Council TRAIL NEWS Volunteer Horse Patrol



Submitted by Diane Ciano

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CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

Celebrating 17 Years of Service 2003-2020

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 2020

For 2020, we had a total of **3,663 Patrol Hours** with **2,052 patrols** out on our state parks, forests, town lands, land trusts and private lands. This represents saving the state (that's you and me!) **\$91,575.00** in service for 2020 alone !

2003 – 2020 CHC – VHP Accomplishments

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

In the 18 years since, the CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Program has provided **\$ 1,177,400.00** in volunteer service hours.

This was accomplished through **47,096** 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: 24,000*
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.

CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

18 YEAR STATISTICS 2003-2020

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								
2020	2,052	3,663	PARK VISITOR SIGHTINGS NOT TAKEN								
TOTAL	24,000	47,096									

2020 VHP Hour Recognition

Patrol Hours 100+ Hours	
NAME	Patrol Hours
Lynda Perry	427
Rebecca Russell	368
Holly Ely	339
Melissa Evarts	311
Meg Sautter	244.5
Susan Crawford	230
ShawnaLee Kwashnak	196
Ruth Strontzer	187.5
Kristin Elliott Leas	125
Gina McManus	124.5
Margaret Lupone	119
Patti Crowther	115.5
Vevette Greenberg	110
Penny Foisey	103

Patrol Hours 50+ Hours	
NAME	Patrol Hours
Ann Moses	80.5
Corrine Breyette	67
Billie McNealey	62
Gloria Ludwig	59.5
Denise Ciano	51.5

Service Award



Thank you for your Service

Lynda Perry

CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol

Charter Member 2003-2020



**Brenda Vynalek- Improving Communication
with Horse & Rider - with Young Living Essential Oils**

**Mary Albanese – Zen Zu
Animal Communication & Energy Work**

Our Annual meeting was hosted by the Reddington Rock Riding Club at their Camp Glazier.

We had two presentations, “How Essential Oils play a part in Improving Communication with Horse and Rider” with Brenda Vynalek & Diane Ciano. Our other presenter was Mary Albanese, owner of ZenZu Animal Communication and Energy Work.

We held two raffles, one of miscellaneous items that members brought in, 50/50 raffle and Silent Auction. **Thank you to ShawnaLee who donated her artistic work for a portrait value of \$150.00 for to the winner of the Silent auction.** Winner was Diane Ciano. **The 50/50 Raffle raised 180.00 Carol Birdsey won that and donated her 50 back to the CHC-VHP. Thank you Carol.** We had 3 styles of shirts that were given to members, free of charge that paid their 2021 membership dues and turned in their 2020 logs.

We raised a total of **\$566.00** for the VHP

RAFFLES	CHC-VHP
50/50 Raffle - \$180.00 - 50% given back to VHP from Carol Birdsey	\$ 180.00
Tea Cup Raffle	\$ 226.00
Silent Auction	\$ 40.00
Shirts	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
Total Cash	\$ 566.00

**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...



Vevette Greenburg Appointed to CT Equine Advisory Council



Vevette Greenburg with "Pretty Girl"

In March of this year, Vevette was appointed as the Connecticut Horse Council Equestrian Representative for Connecticut's 4th Congressional District to the Connecticut Equine Advisory Council. She has also been a member of the Connecticut Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol (CHC-VHP) for the past 14 years, which monitors and maintains trails in this district and throughout the state.

Vevette is a member of the Middlebury Bridle Lands Association (MBLA), Cross State Trail Ride Inc., and a lifetime member of the CTRA as well as an Area Vice President for the CTRA which involves scheduling approximately ten rides annually throughout the state, in state parks and local forests, parks, foundation lands, as well as on private lands with permission.

"As an avid trail rider, I greatly appreciate the land that is available for outdoor recreation in Connecticut. I have realized the importance of educating the public to equines. This education includes protecting, preserving and maintaining trails and open spaces while promoting equestrian use on our Connecticut trail systems so that future generations will be able to enjoy the wonderful opportunities that this state has to offer."

– Vevette Greenburg



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.

2021 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 18th, June 17th, September 16th, and December 16th. The public is welcomed. Zoom or Conference calls are available.

Please contact Diane Ciano for current updates or changes for 2021 meetings.

CT Horse Council President – Ron Hocutt 2020

1st Congressional District – Meg Sautter (Appointed 2008)

2nd Congressional District – Ruth Strontzer (Appointed 2019)

3rd Congressional District – Danielle Borelli (Appointed 2020)

4th Congressional District – Vevette Greenberg (Appointed 2021)

5th Congressional District – Diane Ciano (Appointed 2009)

DEEP Liaison - Laurie Giannotti DEEP Trails & Greenways Coordinator

CT Forest & Park Association - Eric Hammerling

Your CHC Representation around the state...

CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL

Vevette Greenburg Recipient of CT GREENWAYS Council Award



Vevette receiving her Award from Bruce Donald, CT Greenways Council Chair

Text and Photos by Sally L. Feuerberg

The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environment Protection and the Connecticut Greenways Council held their 22nd Annual Connecticut Greenway Awards and National Trails Day Celebration at the Brookfield Town Hall Bandshell in Brookfield, on Friday, June 4th. Vevette Greenburg was among seven recipients that morning being acknowledged for their contributions to the promotion, development and enhancement of the state's greenways.

A greenway, for those who may be unfamiliar with the term, is a corridor of open space that may protect natural resources, preserve scenic landscapes and historical resources or offer opportunities for recreation or nonmotorized transportation. A greenway may also connect existing protected areas and provide access to the outdoors; may be located along a defining natural feature, such as a waterway; along a man-made corridor, including an unused right-of-way, traditional trail routes or historic barge canals; or may be a greenspace along a highway or around a village.

"She is an outstanding person for this appointment and for the recognition by the Connecticut Greenways Council," said Diane Ciano, 1st Vice President of the CHC. Diane, Meg Sauter (CHC Board of Directors), Christine Mard, Diane Morton, and Lynn Gogolya, who are friends and fellow members of the CHC-VHP and the Connecticut Trail Rides Association (CTRA), were present at the event to applaud, support, and honor Vevette's achievements.

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Vevette grew up being involved in the various aspects of horses; including cleaning, training, teaching and barn management. She lives at her farm in Oxford with her husband and two sons and cares for her 4 horses, goats, chickens and cats. She is employed as a Hospice nurse.

Congratulations Vevette on the well-deserved award!



Bruce Donald, CT Greenways Council Chair, Mason Trumble, DEEP Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Conservation, DEEP Greenways & Trails Coordinator, Laurie Giannotti, CHC-VHP Members: Diane Ciano, Meg Sautter, Vevette Greenberg, Diane Morton, Chris Mard and CTRA member, Lynn Gogolya

OTHER TRAIL NEWS

Natchaug State Forest - Lost Silver Mine Horse Camp. To date, clean up from the timber harvest has been completed. Thank you to DEEP Supervisor Matt Quinn. Camping is **OPEN**. **NOTE: The well has been closed, so make sure you bring water for your horse.**

Airline Trail – Bolton section: *The CHC continues to get 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.***

Read article on Trail Etiquette & What to do with Horse Poo on pages 15-17

Farewell to Lance Wetmore The Connecticut Horse Council on behalf of its members, the board and the greater equestrian community mourns the loss of Lance Wetmore. Lance served as our president for many years.

Your CHC Representation around the state...

Legislation

Recap of Forests, Parks, and Trails in the 2021 Connecticut Legislative Session

Last week, the CT General Assembly held a Special Session to complete some unfinished business from the 2021 session. Here's a recap of several bills important to forests, parks, and trails that CFPA focused on this year:

Good News (Bills that Passed)

Funding for State Parks Increases in Budget: the FY 2022-23 Budget which passed the General Assembly included an increase of \$2.5 million/year for the Passport to the Parks Fund. Given the increased attendance at State Parks, growing expenses for sustaining clean, safe Parks, and significant ongoing needs for maintenance, this was a highlight of a challenging legislative session.

Passport to the Parks and Community Investment Act Funds stays intact: the reasonable \$5/vehicle/year DMV registration fee, which generates about \$20 million/year for operating and

maintaining your State Parks, stayed intact with no diversions and no exceptions (despite a few proposed bills that could have cut funding for State Parks by \$10 million or more in various ways). Support for keeping the Community Investment Act (CIA) funds intact stayed strong throughout the session. The CIA funds open space, farmland, historic preservation, and affordable housing projects.

Bonding authorized for Recreational Trails, Open Space, & Community Gardens: the Bond bill authorized \$3 million/year for CT DEEP to run its Recreational Trails & Greenways grants program, and \$10 million/year for CT DEEP's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA)/Urban Green and Community Garden program. New bonding authorization was also passed for climate resiliency which could potentially complement these efforts.

Greenways License Plate Account secured: transportation safety bill requires that fees from greenways commemorative plates be deposited into a dedicated, non-lapsing account to complement grants for walking, biking, equestrian and other recreational trails.

Report on State employee retirements and Passport: budget accountability bill requires DEEP to prepare a report describing positions funded through the Passport to the Parks, and assessing the impact on DEEP of impending retirements.

Enabling ordinances for smaller towns to control ATV misuse: transportation bill extends to all municipalities the current law which allows for seizure and forfeiture of all-terrain vehicles that violate municipal ordinances in municipalities with populations of 20,000 or more.

More Good News (Bills that fortunately did NOT Pass)

Seaside State Park bill could have set a dangerous precedent for how State Parks are managed.

Utility tree trimming/removal bill could have weakened important public notice provisions that currently ensure that abutting landowners and municipal tree wardens are informed before trimming or removals commence except in the case of emergencies.

Incomplete News (Bill that passed with important section removed)

An Act Concerning Climate Change Adaptation passed with gains for establishing municipal stormwater authorities as well as expanding the authority of Connecticut's Green Bank and local soil erosion and control boards. However, an important section of the bill was removed at the end of the session that would have enabled municipalities to utilize a local buyer's conveyance fee that could have generated an estimated \$75 million/year for local conservation priorities if all municipalities participated. We consider this to be a huge missed opportunity for Connecticut.

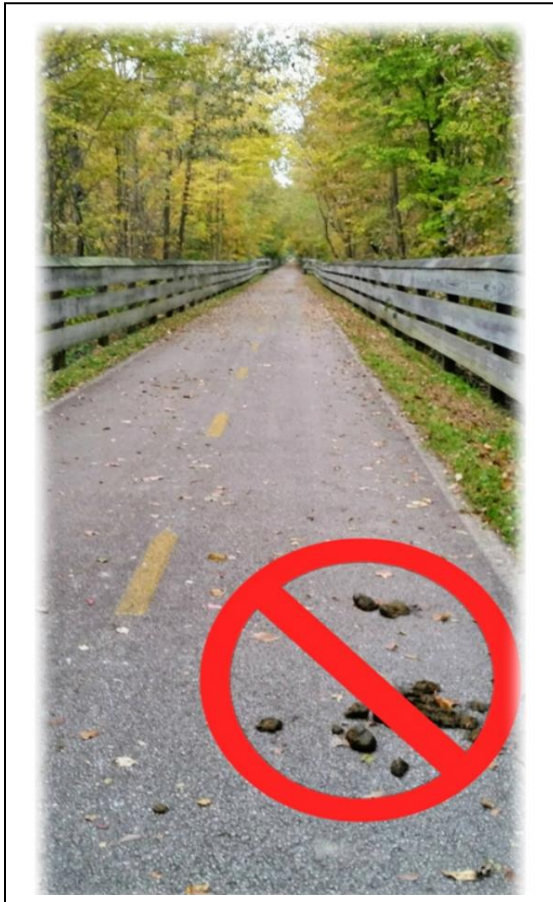
Thank you for staying engaged throughout this session and answering the call for your forests, parks, and trails by contacting your legislators and other elected officials. This year was particularly challenging because the Capitol and Legislative Office Building were closed to the public all year, so your emails, phone calls, and other contacts were absolutely critical and made a BIG difference!



Trail Etiquette - What to Do with Horse Poo

By Lora Goerlich, American Trails contributor and equestrian expert,

Shares trail etiquette around horse manure.



Trail apples - the organic, naturally beneficial, digested balls of vegetation that host nourishing insect meals for birds and game fowl while also providing valuable minerals for butterflies, moths and dragonflies. On unimproved trail tread, manure will break down in about two weeks with a little help from sun, rain, dung beetles and foraging birds. **AND** unlike tacky, foul-smelling human or dog feces (which are more frequently found trailside) horse manure is not considered hazardous or toxic and carries no pathogens of concern^[1].

Manure on trails, at staging areas and camp sites is unavoidable. Knowing when to take it or leave it can be confusing for both equestrians and non-equestrians. Additionally, park agencies may not understand what to expect from riders and haven't established or posted clear guidelines. Unless otherwise posted, the standards listed below are appropriate expectations for riders:

Horse manure at parking areas

1. Trailer manure – take it home, *do not* toss trailer manure into the woods, fields, parking lots and definitely do not pile it around the base of trees.
2. Grass or dirt parking lot - horse has a bowel movement while tied to a hitching post or while tied to your trailer and there is grass or soil beneath their hooves, leave it but

consider spreading it out.

3. Gravel parking lot - horse has a bowel movement while tied to a hitching post or while tied to your trailer and there is gravel beneath their hooves, take the manure home.
4. Paved parking lots – take manure home; hopefully there aren't many concrete or asphalt parking areas for trail riders since they tend to be slippery which can create unnecessary hazards.
5. Manure bin is provided - use it. Manure bins at day use areas are not as common as they are at equestrian campgrounds.

Horse manure on natural trail tread even if the trail is shared

1. Leave it - in about two weeks it will breakdown benefitting birds, game fowl and insects during decomposition.
2. At trailside rest stops - scatter piles with your foot before remounting.

Horse manure at camp sites

1. Authorized manure bin or bunker is available - use it. Meticulously remove all the manure and uneaten hay where your horse was kept.
2. No collection bin - load all manure into your horse trailer or muck buckets; plan ahead, bring extra muck buckets then take it home and add it to your own manure pile. On average for 1 horse + 2 nights camping = 1 muck bucket full.
3. Back country (wilderness) camping and packing on USDA land - Forest Service guidelines require removal or scattering.

Horse manure on shared-paved trails does not break down as fast as it would on natural tread (dirt, sand, clay) These trails are often linear, somewhat narrow rail trails, frequently used by cyclists, inline skaters, walkers with or without dogs and/or strollers.

- Dismount, then kick it off the trail
- Cannot re-mount from the ground - ask a fellow rider to assist; the rider on the shortest horse or the most agile rider often gets this duty.
- Riding alone and cannot re-mount from the ground - consider choosing routes that don't include shared/paved trails.
- Finding manure someone else left behind - whether you are hiking, biking or horseback riding, remove it if you can; push it off the trail with your foot. Count this time as volunteer time if there is a way to do that

In an effort to assist meticulous equestrians, park personnel might consider strategic placement of mounting blocks in high use areas along paved trails for those who cannot remount from the ground. Mounting blocks can be as simple as a sturdy tree trunk section; a pre-fabricated molded rubber step; or as elaborate as a park approved permanent structure.

Additional considerations from my thirty years of park and riding experiences - Riders are usually aware when their horse makes trail deposit, especially if their horse stops to do its business, the sound of manure landing on pavement is hard to miss. Is it really a big deal to leave manure on paved trails? Yes, it is a "big deal". The greenish brown, heaping piles are repulsive to non-equestrians, not to mention someone else must clean up after you. Even when manure on paved/multiuse trails is rare, it aggravates cyclists the most, who, in turn, rally against equestrians when complaints are lodged about dangerous cyclist behavior around horses. Common sense tells us that comparing manure on trails to dangerous cyclist behavior is illogical; they are entirely unrelated issues. Unfortunately, non-equestrians often prevail when this argument (often heated) arises, potentially leading to exclusion in new and existing trail opportunities for horse riders.

[1] Adda Quinn "Does Horse Manure Pose A Significant Risk to Human Health?" <https://www.bayequest.com/stat...>, March 1998, R.3 October 2001, (Accessed December 8, 2013)

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About the Author



Lora served as a law enforcement-maintenance park ranger for twenty-five years with Metroparks of Toledo and was stationed at the “globally rare” Oak Openings Preserve. Throughout her career she was deeply committed to educating equestrians, non-equestrians and land stewards about proper trail etiquette, trail planning in natural areas, and to preserving equestrian trails. In 2011 Lora began teaching at international, national and state conferences to further encourage equestrian trail inclusion. She has been a board member for the Park Ranger Institute since 2015.

Her formal education includes an associate degree in horse production and management from The Ohio State University and a bachelor of science in environmental studies/resource management from The University of Toledo. Lora’s areas of expertise include: extensive knowledge of equestrian needs (trails and facilities), trail planning and maintenance, law enforcement issues, community involvement, best practice horse keeping, equine behavior, customer service, volunteerism, natural resource management, mounted patrol operations and multi-use-trail conflict resolution.

Lora started riding in 1986, crossing multiple disciplines before exclusively trail riding; you might also find her camping, hiking, kayaking, cross country skiing or cycling. Her current trail horses include: a Paso Fino mare, Tennessee Walker gelding and a rescued gelding of unknown background.

More articles by this author

- [The Equestrian Trail Riders Lifestyle](#)
- [More Than a Pet Peeve - Dogs Off Leash](#)
- [Trail Warriors](#)
- [Yellowjackets on the Trail](#)
- [Equestrian Etiquette - Protecting Trees and Park Structures](#)

Horse Owner's Corner: How Horse Owners Can Help Protect Water Bodies

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

It's that time of year when many of us look forward to some time on the water, either with or without horses. A horse owner's thoughts may turn to dreams of riding on the beach or swimming with your horse. Here's are some things to think about when we have horses around water bodies.

It seems like just above every horse lover has a fantasy of riding a horse down the beach or swimming with their horse in the water. However, we do need to ensure that we are only using those beaches that are open to horses and respect beach closures which may be seasonal. Also, equestrians should avoid allowing horses to defecate or urinate in water bodies which can cause contamination with nutrients. Also, avoid entering wildlife sanctuaries, bird and turtle nesting areas, and dune restoration areas that may have fragile or endangered foliage.

In the old days, we all dreamed of having a horse farm with a stream or pond running through it so that we would not have to carry water or create a watering system for the horses. But current environmental research shows that having horses drink out of water bodies directly may lead to erosion of stream banks, and pollution of the water with nutrients, pathogens, and sediment. A vegetated buffer will help to filter nutrients, protect the water body from pathogens and sediment coming from storm water runoff, and also may provide wildlife habitat.

To create a vegetated buffer, you may consider using a natural of landscaped buffer. An appropriate buffer may range from 35 to 100+ feet in width. This area would be from the water body up onto your property. Manure storage or sacrifice areas should be farther from the water body. If you are using a natural buffer, you will want to remove any invasive plants (see this link for help with identifying these: https://cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list/). You can simply maintain the existing vegetation by no longer mowing the area and let trees and woody shrubs re-establish themselves, which may take several years. If you prefer to create a landscaped buffer, obtain a soil test (<https://soiltest.uconn.edu/sampling.php>) to reduce or eliminate the need to use lime or fertilizer. Plant native species and preferably a mix of trees, shrubs and ground cover. Most native species will provide wildlife habitat and require little or no fertilizer. Be sure to choose non-invasive shrubs and saplings that will help increase the uptake of nutrients. Choose grasses that are dense stiff species that will trap sediment.

Horse owners should strive to keep clean water clean by using gutters on their run-in sheds, stables and arenas with downspouts that lead to dry wells or pipes that disperse water away from paddocks, wash areas, and other horse keeping areas. Swales can be used to help intercept runoff from areas with slope and prevent runoff from occurring by delivering water away from horse keeping areas. Swales are shallow channels with gently sloping sides that can help slow, store and spread water.

It is a good idea to practice rotational grazing or have a sacrifice area that you can use for your horses to prevent them from overgrazing their pastures. If horses overgraze an area, it may result loss of vegetation. This may lead to polluted surface runoff.

We all love to see a nice water body. Let's all help to keep the water clean by ensuring that our activities and horse keeping practices are done in a way that protects them. Keep on horsin' around and have fun enjoying the water!

I hope this information was useful to you. 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 our website at <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/extension/generalInformation.php>.

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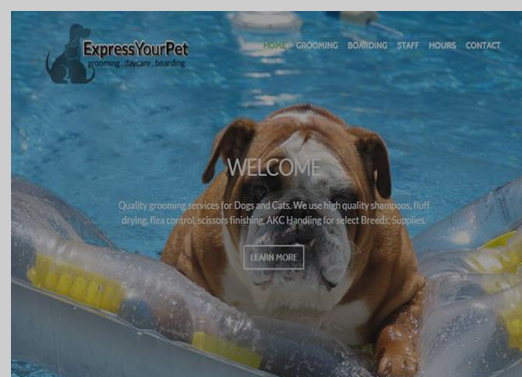
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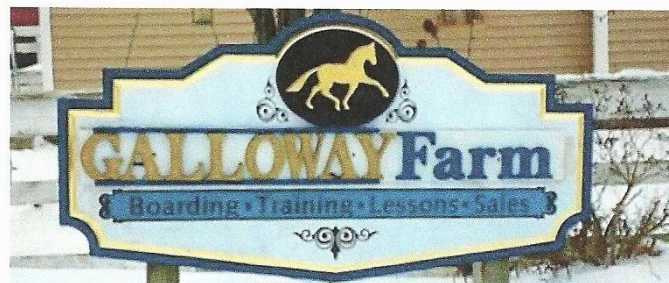
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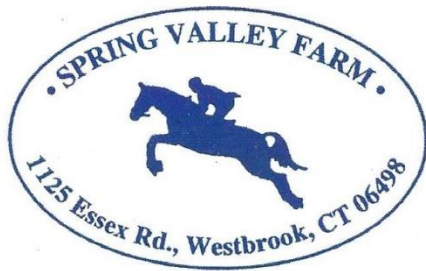
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2021

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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

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