

## 2011 ASPCA HAY GRANT HORSE FEATHERS EQUINE RESCUE

### PURPOSE AND GUIDELINES FOR HAY ASSISTANCE

The mission of the ASPCA/Horse Feathers Equine Rescue Hay Grant Program is to provide Horse Feathers Equine Rescue an avenue to provide hay to horses owned by private individuals in need and to help horse owners who are facing financial hardship with temporary hay assistance; and further, to assist such individuals in planning for the future. In addition to the hay assistance services, we are also available to provide feeding and care advice, as well as offering assistance with finding sources for gelding assistance for owners in need of such services.

By providing this service, we strongly believe that we can help to keep the area's horses with their loving families. We firmly feel that when a horse can stay in its known environment, and with people who are educated, care about the horse, and know its history, that is the best solution available if at all possible. Through our hay grant, we then hope to keep Oklahoma horses at home through critical times of need. In offering our assistance in finding and locating gelding options, we hope to diminish the backyard breeding and over breeding of horses to therefore help alleviate the problems of the "unwanted" horse.

This program will run for as long as we can retain funding and hay. Our resources are limited and we review applications on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to help as many people and horses as we can, we have developed the following process to ensure a positive outcome for all involved. This will help guide you through the requirements necessary to be accepted into this program. Please read it carefully, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

- First, we will assist you with the best possible information available to date on all aspects of equine care.
- Second, we will offer you assistance in locating programs which will reimburse a portion the costs for gelding your stallions and stud colts.
- Third, eligibility for Hay assistance will be evaluated on a case-by-case analysis of need, including, but not restricted to the items below.
  1. The number of horses you own
  2. Whether you are engaged in the breeding and/or regular sale of equines
  3. The equine facilities on your property
  4. Whether you have a regular relationship with equine professionals
  5. We will work with you to develop a plan to avoid future need.
  6. We ask that you not sell, give, or transfer any hay you receive from us. If you have hay left that you do not intend to use, please notify us at once and give us the opportunity to retrieve it.

Horse ownership is a privilege we do not take lightly. Our goal is to give you the tools necessary to be a successful owner, with horses that will thrive in your care.

**Applicant must be a resident of Oklahoma**

**Income before or during time of crisis should be at or below \$25,000.00 annual.**

**Applicant must show financial need due to recent loss of employment, financial hardship or medical issue.**

**Must have a horse-safe facility to maintain your horse.**

**Proof of Ownership and Veterinary record.**



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APPLICATION FOR HAY ASSISTANCE**

To request feed assistance, please complete the form below in its entirety. Upon receipt and review, you will be contacted regarding availability of hay. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

Name:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Physical address of equines (if different):

County:

Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Email:

How many equines are in need of feed assistance?

Please list ages/breed

Amount of hay/type requested

Are the horses you are trying to feed on property owned by you?

Who is your veterinarian and what was the date of your last veterinarian visit?

Ever been contacted by Animal Control authorities in your area with concerns about your equines?

Date of your equines last dental work?

Date of last hoof trim or farrier work?

Are any of your equines being used for breeding purposes?

If you do own any stallions, are you willing to geld them?

Do you have any pregnant mares or mares in foal?

Name and phone number of your current hay supplier?

Will you allow a representative of HF, or an animal care professional to visit your property to assess the needs of all equines there?

Do you agree to not sell, give away, or transfer any hay received purchased by the Hay Bank?

Do you give permission for a representative of HF to contact your veterinarian with any questions he/she may have pertaining to the past, present, or ongoing care of your horse(s)?

Are you willing to volunteer or otherwise "pay it forward" by holding a fund raising event (example, yard sale, bake sale, car drive) to help replenish the hay funds you have been allotted, so that others in need may be helped? (you are under no obligation to reimburse a set amount)

**Comments:**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bales \_\_\_\_\_

Type of hay \_\_\_\_\_

*For Horse Feathers Staff Only:*

Date of Application Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of review \_\_\_\_\_

Site Check performed Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Site check performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Feathers Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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