

## **COVID-19 Resources for Equine Businesses, Non-Profits and Owners**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has gathered the following information and resources to assist commercial boarding facilities, riding stables, equine non-profits and private horse owners who may be experiencing difficulty during the COVID-19 crisis.

### ***General Equine COVID-19 Resources***

- <https://blog.extension.uconn.edu/covid-19-resources/#all> – See Equine Business Guidelines
- American Horse Council: <https://www.horsecouncil.org/covid-19-resouces/>
- United Horse Coalition: <https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/covid-19-resources/>
- Options for Owners Who Need Assistance: <https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/resource-database/resources-for-owners/>
- [Extension Horses](#)
- [American Association of Equine Practitioners: COVID-19 recommendations for client and staff safety](#)

### ***Feed/Hay Assistance***

- [National Equine Evacuation Directory](#): Searchable database of individuals offering assistance with evacuation, trailering, stabling, search and rescue and hay/supply banks.
- [Fleet of Angels](#): For private horse owners and non-profits. Emergency hay micro-grants.
- [Sumner Brook Farm Equine Rescue and Retirement](#): Guardian Care Program to serve people who may be facing temporary hardship, illness, military deployment, temporary loss of income or other circumstances.

### ***Hay, Feed, Bedding Suppliers***

- [Kuss Farms, Bethlehem, CT, 203-910-9596](#)
- [Pleasant View Farm, Somers, CT, 860-698-2388](#)
- [R&R Farm Transport, Richard Paley, Columbia, CT 860-638-8859](#)
- [Sweet Farms, Voluntown, CT, 860-303-6224](#)

### ***Equine Welfare Network***

- [All The Kings Horses Equine Rescue, Inc, NORTHFORD, CT](#)
- [Animal Assisted Therapy Services, Inc., West Haven, CT](#)
- [Beech Brook Farm Inc., Mystic, CT](#)
- [Connecticut Draft Horse Rescue, East Hampton, CT](#)
- [Foxfield F.A.R.M. Corporation, GRANBY, CT](#)
- [\\*H.O.R.S.E. of CT, Inc., Washington, CT \(2019\)](#)
- [Hidden Acres Therapeutic Riding Center, Naugatuck, CT](#)
- [\\*High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc., Old Lyme, CT \(2019\)](#)
- [\\*Little Britches Therapeutic Riding, Woodbury, CT \(2019\)](#)
- [\\*Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., Middletown, CT \(2019\)](#)
- [\\*Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement, Inc., Salem, CT \(2019\)](#)
- [\\*New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc., New Canaan, CT \(2019\)](#)
- [\\*Ray of Light Farm, East Haddam, CT \(2019\)](#)

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- [Red Skye Foundation, BETHANY, CT](#)
- [\\*Rising Starr Horse Rescue, Wilton, CT \(2019\)](#)
- [\\*Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., BRISTOL, CT \(2020\)](#)
- [SpiritHorse Therapeutic Riding Center of Canton, Inc., CANTON, CT](#)
- [\\*The Equus Effect, SHARON, CT \(2019\)](#)

\*EQUUS Foundation Guardian Charity

### ***Health Benefits and Insurance Assistance***

- **EMERGENCY RELIEF Health and Insurance Benefits:**  
\$20 USEF Fan Memberships with Access to Health and Insurance Benefits (Promo Code **RELIEF**)  
*Guaranteed-Issue Benefits with Discounts up to 35% off Market Prices for USEF Members*

### ***Financial Assistance***

- [Homes for Horses](#): listing of organizations that fund grants for equine welfare
- [Equestrian Aid Foundation](#): The Foundation will prioritize assistance to industry professionals and service providers who have lost their primary or only income as a direct result of the pandemic. A one-time emergency grant payment of \$500 is intended to assist qualified applicants with basic living expenses. COVID-19 Emergency Grant closes April 15.
- [EQUUS Foundation](#): For equine-related non-profits and government agencies
- U.S. Small Business Administration Loan-Provides low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters. Currently, they are offering a Paycheck Protection Program to help and encourage small businesses to maintain their payroll with up to 100% being eligible for loan forgiveness if businesses are able to maintain all employees on payroll for eight weeks.
  - Find more information on the SBA Paycheck Protection Program [here](#)
  - Paycheck Protection Program Fact Sheet [here](#)
  - Paycheck Protection Program Application [here](#)
  - Find more information on the SBA COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans [here](#).
  - Find a Local Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Location [here](#)
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Coronavirus Emergency Loans Guides:
  - Small Business Guide & Checklist [here](#).
  - Guide to SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans [here](#).
- American Horse Council's Tax Bulletin- March 2020
  - Congress, President Deliver \$2 Trillion Relief Package, Address Many Horse Industry Concerns [here](#)
- Information on the Tax Aspects of the Coronavirus Relief Act [here](#)
- Contact your lender and loan service provider to find out what options are available to you such as: refinance, loan modification, new repayment plan or forbearance.
- Better Business Bureau-Business Tips: [How to Navigate the Coronavirus Crisis](#).

### ***Breed/Discipline Specific Assistance***

#### **Arabian Horses**

- [Region 16 Covid-19 Emergency Fund](#)

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- Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund (AHDF)

#### **Saddle Horses (Morgans, Saddlebreds, Hackneys, etc.)**

- UPHA Dewey Henderson Benevolent Fund Grant Application (for current UPHA Professional Members of 2+ years)
  - *UPHA Professional Members that meet the minimum two consecutive years active membership requirement need to apply for aid using the UPHA Dewey Henderson Benevolent Fund Application.*
- JLC Horsemen's Relief Fund Grant Application (for non or new UPHA Members)
  - *Horse trainers, instructors, independent contractors, and other members who are financially distressed, such as horse show staff, that do not meet the minimum two-year active UPHA Professional membership criteria for the UPHA Dewey Henderson Benevolent Fund, you will need to apply using the JLC Horsemen's Relief Fund Application.*

#### **Hunter/Jumper**

- Show Jumping Relief Fund: To help the many people in the competitive equestrian industry affected by the show closures due to COVID 19, i.e. Ring crew, in-gate crew, grooms, braiders, stewards, judges, office staff, security, etc.