

Please complete & return to:  
Horse Haven of Tennessee, Inc.  
P.O. Box 22841  
Knoxville, TN 37933

# APPLICATION

Horse Haven of Tennessee

## HELPING HOOF PROGRAM

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate: Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Requirements for Eligibility for the Helping Hoof Program

Applicant must be a resident of Tennessee

Applicant's horses must be personal horses; no professionals may apply.

A maximum of two horses may be fed with this program.

**Job Loss or injury within 90 days of application for assistance**

### Please complete the following:

- Names of horses to be fed (two maximum). Use name as it appears on horse's veterinary records.

1.

2.

- Description of financial situation of owner which makes this program necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please provide the name and contact of the store or person which normally supplies your feed or hay.

Feed Store: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Hay Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

- Please attach a copy of the horses' vaccination record within the past 12 months.

• If situation is due to loss of income (job), please provide an employer reference which can confirm this, or provide a written confirmation of the job loss from the employer.

OR

• If the situation is due to a medical situation, please provide a note provided by the physician's office or hospital which confirms this. Other documentation is acceptable; please talk to the HHT office for verification.

I verify that all of the above information is correct.

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

# CHANGING YOUR HORSE'S FEED

Applicants for the Helping Hoof Program must read and sign this

## Changing the Diet of Horses

Whether it's the grain, hay, or time on pasture, any change in the horse's diet should be spread over several days or weeks.

When introducing a new type of hay or grain to a horse, the new hay or grain should replace the old feed at a rate of 25 percent every other day, taking a total of six days until the horse is completely on the new feed. Feed intake or eagerness to consume the diet may decrease during this changeover period. If this occurs, more time may be needed for the horse to adjust to the new feed.

When a horse is to be turned out on pasture all day, especially if the pasture is lush and green, time on pasture should be gradually increased to avoid overeating, in a manner similar to increasing the grain. Horses should be provided with all the hay they want to eat about a week prior to the start of complete pasture turnout. The time on pasture should be increased by one hour each day for four to five days. Then, before the horse is going to be turned out completely on pasture, a hay meal should be provided. It is important to remember that each horse is different.

Some horses take more time to adjust to dietary changes than others. Therefore, it is important to monitor the horse's eating habits and health status carefully during this time.

From [www.extension.org](http://www.extension.org)

I have read this information and will introduce the new feed to my horses gradually as recommended in the above article.

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

**Horse Haven of Tennessee assumes no responsibility or liability for the health of horses which are fed through the Helping Hoof program.**

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### **Applicant must provide three references:**

1. Employment reference if a job was lost --OR-- Medical reference if it is a medical situation.  
*For other unusual financial circumstances, please inform the HHT and we will work with the applicant.*

**AND**

2. Veterinarian reference

**AND**

3. Feed store or hay provider reference

### **Program Rules:**

- The feed will be provided through a local feed store, pre-approved using a voucher/coupon distributed by HHT
- Applicants must read and sign the recommended guidelines for feeding their horses with this program.
- **Successful applicants must provide 8 hours of volunteer work for Horse Haven of Tennessee.**
- Recipients may not apply for the program again for 12 months.
- Approval or denial of access into the program is at the discretion of Horse Haven of Tennessee.

**Horse Haven of Tennessee assumes no responsibility for the health of the horses where feed has been provided through this program.**

**To apply for this program, first call the HHT office. Then fill out the application, read and sign the Guidelines for Feeding, and submit to Horse Haven of Tennessee**

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**The Helping Hoof Program was established to assist those responsible horse owners who have temporary financial setbacks (such as a job loss or medical incident), and are having difficulties feeding their horses.**

**Horse Haven of Tennessee will feed up to two horses for up to 90 days (re-evaluated every 30 days), so that these individuals may consider alternatives for the horses, or get back on their feet financially.**

**PLEASE CALL (865) 6609-4030 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**