



# Equine Safety Net Application

Office Use Only:

Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_\_\_

### About Safety Net

The Equine Safety Net was established to assist those caring horse owners who have temporary financial setbacks (such as a **job loss or medical incident within the past 6 months**), and are having difficulties feeding their horses.

The Kentucky Horse Council **will feed up to two horses for 30 days**, so that these individuals may consider alternatives for the horses or get back on their feet financially.

Applications for 30 day extensions are also considered.

For more info: [www.kentuckyhorse.org/safety-net](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/safety-net)

### Rules & Requirements for Safety Net

- ✓ Applicant must be a resident of Kentucky
- ✓ 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 must have occurred within 6 months of application**
- ✓ Payment will be made directly to the feed/hay supplier.
- ✓ Receipts or invoices must be submitted to the KY Horse Council in order for payment to be sent.

### Documents to be Submitted with Application:

- A copy of each horse's vaccination record within the past 12 months.
- Signed copy of "Changing Your Horse's Feed"
- A copy of the Notification of job loss – dated within 6 months

**OR**

- Letter from the physician's office or hospital which confirms injury/illness within the past 6 months.

### How to Apply:

1. Complete and sign this application
2. Read and sign the Guidelines for Feeding
3. Gather other required documents. Applications will not be processed if all of the required documents are not included.
4. Mail or fax applications & documents to:

Kentucky Horse Council  
 4037 Iron Works Parkway  
 Suite 120  
 Lexington, KY 40511  
 Fax:(866) 618-3837

### Application Type:

- First Time Applicant
  - Extension Request
  - Previous Applicant (more than 1 year ago)
- Date previously applied: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Reason for Application:

- Job Loss
- Medical Incident
- Date of Job Loss/Medical Incident: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Information:

Name:

Address:

County:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email 1:

Yearly Household Income:

**Equine Information:**

Number of Horses You Own:	Number of Horses Applying for (Circle):	One	Two			
Are Horses in (Circle):	Pasture	Stalls	Do You (Circle):	Board	Rent	Own

Details if Needed:

**First Horse Applying for:**

Name:

Age:

Breed:

Special Needs:

**Second Horse Applying for:**

Name:

Age:

Breed:

Special Needs:

**Feed Information:**

Type of Feed Requested:

Quantity:

Cost per Bag:

Additional Details:

**Hay Information:**

Type of Hay Requested:

Quantity:

Cost per bale:

Additional Details:

**Feed Supplier:**

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

**Hay Supplier:**

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

The Kentucky Horse Council assumes no responsibility for the health of the horses where feed has been provided through this program. By signing below, you verify that all of the above information you have provided is correct.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# 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.

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

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



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The Kentucky Horse Council is a 501©3 non-profit organization dedicated, through education and leadership, to the protection and development of the Kentucky equine community.

The Kentucky Horse Council provides educational programs and information, outreach and communication to Kentucky horse owners and enthusiasts, equine professional networking opportunities through KENA, trail riding advocacy, health and welfare programs, and personal liability insurance and other membership benefits.

The specialty Kentucky Horse Council license plate, featuring a foal lying in the grass, provides the primary source of revenue for KHC programs. For more information, please visit: [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org).