

EQUI-VENTURE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE & HORSE RESCUE'S

BASIC MONTHLY NEEDS

We need your support! We are giving everything we have to give every single day. **Please donate so we can purchase the feed and supplies the horses NEED now and tomorrow.** Please also look to the future. We will need you then too! And if you have a horse, please plan his future should you leave earth early. We can only help the horses if caring individuals continue to help us along the way. **If you are not able to help monetarily, then please consider volunteering!** There are MANY areas we need help; even if you are afraid of horses!

NUMBER OF HORSES AT EQUI-VENTURE LOCATIONS: We have 35-45 horses at our facilities YEAR ROUND.

RENT at the main barn. Please call us or email for additional information if you would like to make a donation.

WATER Thank goodness; this is FREE!

HAY **This is our biggest expense.** Credit to our local hay suppliers (please call or email us to get their numbers or addresses) or Donations can be made out to Equi-Venture Equestrian Centre & Horse Rescue. Please indicate Hay Fund on your check or money order.

- We use approximately 2 round bales of timothy/grass mix weighing at 400lbs each **per horse per month.** We have 35-45 horses on the farm at any given time. Round bales range from \$40-\$60 each. **Average total cost per month is \$5000 per month.**
- Then we also average about 100 square bales of timothy hay weighing about 40 lbs each **per week.** Square bales range from \$3.50 to \$6.00 a bale. **Average total cost for square bales per month is \$1600-\$2400 per month.**

FEED Credit at Bowman's of Westminster, MD @ 410-848-3733 where we buy all the following quality Purina feeds:

Country Acres 10% sweet feed at \$11 per 50 lb bag
Average lbs per month: 1,350 Monthly Cost: \$276.48

Horseman's Edge 10-10 (High Fat) sweet feed at \$16 per 50 lb bag
Average lbs per month: 4,612.50 Monthly Cost: \$1,376.37

Local whole oats at \$10 per 50 lb bag
Average lbs per month: 450 Monthly Cost: \$84.87

Strategy (Regular) pellets at \$15 per 50 lb bag
Average lbs per month: 1,215 Monthly Cost: \$350.89

Strategy Healthy Edge pellets at \$15 per 50 lb bag
Average lbs per month: 1,665 Monthly Cost: \$489.51

Equine Senior Complete Feed at \$18 per 50 lb bag
Average lbs per month: 1,755 Monthly Cost: \$614.25

Alfalfa Hay Cubes at \$12.50 per 50 lb bag
Average lbs per month: 3,510 Monthly Cost: \$891.54

Donations can also be made out to Equi-Venture Equestrian Centre & Horse Rescue. Please indicate Feed Fund on your check or money order.

FEED Credit at TSC in Westminster, MD @ 410-848-2060. The products we use are:

Timothy Hay Pellets at \$13 per 50 lb bag

Mineral salt licks

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SUPPLEMENTS Senior horses need joint supplements as do the former jumpers and racehorses of ALL ages. We shop online to save money. We use the following products:

Cosequin, Vita Flex, MSM Joint Supplements
Cool Calories
Super 14
Bug Off
Horseshoer's Secret Hoof Supplement

DEWORMERS We deworm our horses every 4-6 weeks depending on the herd size. We average 35 - 45 horses year round. The dewormers range from \$2 to \$15 a tube depending on the brand used. One tube treats one horse. We rotate our dewormers according to our veterinarian's standards. This is our current rotation schedule:

- January - Panacur
- March - Ivermectin + Praziquantel (Zimectrin Gold / Equimax)
- May - Strongid
- July - Ivermectin
- September - Panacur
- November - Ivermectin + Praziquantel (Zimectrin Gold / Equimax)

We usually order our dewormers in bulk to save money from thehorse.com.

BEDDING We use sawdust that is suitable bedding. It is delivered in bulk to save money. The cost is approximately \$400 per month. This amount is typically \$600 or higher in the winter. **Credit to Sullivan Nursery and Landscaping is appreciated. Please call Alex at 717-637-7979.**

FARRIER

Horses need to have their hooves taken care of by a farrier every 4-12 weeks. Each horse is an individual and his needs may change. Approximately half of the horses (20-25 horses) in our care are barefoot and require trims every 8 weeks at \$35 each. The other half (15-20 horses) require shoes on the front feet at \$90 each. Shod horses need to be done every 6-8 weeks. Then of course there are cases of abscessed hooves or those with hoof diseases. Sometimes we have horses that are

lame. These expenses are additional. **Credits to our farriers (please call us or email to get names, numbers or addresses) are appreciated or a donation can be made to Equi-Venture Equestrian Centre & Horse Rescue. Please indicate Farrier Fund on your check or money order.**

- We can always use basic farriery tools: rasp, hoof knife, nippers, shoe pull, clinchers

GROOMING SUPPLIES

Grooming boxes and brushes (soft brush, dandy or stiff brush, face brush, hoof pick, mane & tail comb, hairbrush and rubber curry or mitt) are needed for each individual horse. Hoof dressing, fly spray, topical medications for minor wound care, rags, shampoos, vaseline, sunblock, baby oil, mint flavored Listerine, mane & tail detanglers are always in demand. We order these online from thehorse.com to save money.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

We annually vaccinate most of our horses ourselves. We use [Prestige® V + VEE with Havlogen®](#) in the spring/summer and follow up in the fall with [FluVac® Innovator EHV-4/1](#). We also supplement our vaccinations with [West Nile Vaccine](#), [Potomavac](#) and [Streptax II \(Strangles\)](#). We order these online in bulk through Jeffers or Valley Vet Supply. We use the veterinarian for initial doses and emergency vaccinations. Other needed routine supplies are:

- Vet wrap
- Medicated shampoos for rainrot and funguses
- Linaments and braces
- First aid kit supplies (for horses)
- Cotton sheeting (to wrap injured legs)
- Icatmol
- Furacin ointment & Furall spray
- Clear eyes (for horses)
- Antihist (for horses)
- Corona
- Medications / supplements used to treat Cushings (please call for information)
- Bute (paste or injectable)
- Banamine (paste or injectable)
- Ulcer Guard or Gastro Guard (30 day supplies)

VETERINARY CARE Credit with the following veterinarians is always appreciated!

- **Dr Eric Wiles 410-848-1682**
- **Dr Wells 410-357-4152**

DENTISTRY

The average rescue horse arriving on the farm needs dental care. The range for initial treatment is typically \$200-\$300. An annual exam is done on about half of the horses here (about 20 horses). The costs are about \$80 to \$100 per horse. The rest of the horses (20-25 horses) typically have an exam every 2 years unless a problem develops. **Credit to our equine dentist (please call us or email to get name, number or address) is appreciated or a donation can be made to Equi-Venture Equestrian Centre & Horse Rescue. Please indicate Equine Dentistry Fund on your check or money order.**

EQUIPMENT / TACK THAT WE ALWAYS NEED

- Fly Masks
- Turnout blankets for outdoor winter wear. Must be waterproof and have leg straps. High neck ones are preferred to protect the horses' withers. Sizes in 78 - 82 are the most common that we use.
- Halters and leadropes (nylon halters in Average or Horse size and cotton leadropes)
- Coolers
- Polo wraps
- SMB , Professional Choice or Legacy support boots
- Standing bandages and quilts
- Foam back protection pads for under saddles to better saddle fit or to alleviate back pain
- Saddle pads or saddle cloths to prevent cross contamination of skin diseases.
- English girths and covers
- Western cinches and covers
- Feed tubs, feed bags for graining pastured horses, water buckets, muck buckets, manure forks, rakes, brooms, wheel barrows, heavy duty water hoses

THERE IS ALWAYS AN URGENT NEED FOR SPONSORSHIP OF SANCTUARY HORSES

Over 95% of our horses were saved from a brutal butchering. We have a very successful rehoming and adoption program. As hard as we try though; there are a few that are returned from failed adoptions. Some horses go out more than once. Life happens and people cannot always live up to the promises they make to keep such an expensive animal. Seniors, especially, have a difficult time adjusting to a new home and after a failed adoption attempt, we are no longer willing to repeat their trauma. There are also some horses or ponies that will never be able to leave our care. Ones with permanent disabilities, behavior issues or those that are just too old to consider for adoption. Remember that most of these poor animals were once loved. Maybe they were a child's outgrown pony that earned blue ribbons at a show, a retired lesson horse that taught many beginners how to canter, an old carriage horse that pulled faithfully throughout the city and for weddings, or possibly an ex-racehorse that earned some money and is now lame or wasn't fast enough at the track. Sadder; is the misunderstood horse with behavior issues that needs to be managed by caring professionals. Sadder yet; is the abused animal that will never fully trust humans again. They all deserve to be treated with dignity and have peace while they remain on this earth. These animals are called our Sanctuary Horses. Our sanctuary horses need financial help. We take care of the labor and continually fundraise for them. We are awarded grants from prestigious organizations, but never have enough. This is where **sponsors are needed**. We will be happy to provide you with a list of horses or ponies that need your help and support. Please consider this as a possibility!

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THERE IS ALWAYS AN URGENT NEED FOR USE OF PASTURE LAND FOR HORSES

If you have some fenced in pasture that you are willing to donate for our use, please contact us. We are always in need of additional land and shelter. We will take of the horses there. You can just look out your window and see the horses you are helping!

THANK YOU for considering to help save
at-risk horses in general, as well as,
the horses at our licensed non-profit Rescue.