



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
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## **Hay Banks and Cooperative Buying Programs: Keeping Horses Fed in Challenging Times**

### ***Webinar Overview***

Sometimes, bad things happen to good horse owners. A community hay bank program can keep at-risk horses out of crowded rescues as well as out of auction stalls. Whether a stand-alone entity or part of a larger safety net program, a hay bank program saves lives and keeps good horse/human relationships intact. This webinar highlighted ways to set up and promote your hay banking program, as well as, screen applicants and help recipients create a sustainable plan for the future. At the end of this document you will find examples of templates from experts at the Colorado Horsecare Foodbank and the Michigan Horse Welfare Coalition. Please use these templates to create a document that works for you.

You can also contact Cindy Gendron, Director of the Homes for Horses:  
[cindy@homesforhorses.org](mailto:cindy@homesforhorses.org)

### **Top Tips for Helping Horses through Hay Banks and Cooperatives**

- ✓ **Involve the community**  
Reach out to local resources for hay supply, storage and delivery and also for fundraising
- ✓ **Involve local law enforcement**  
Good relationships with law enforcement can help to identify cases of abuse and neglect and also to drive cases of people/horses in need to your services
- ✓ **Use available resources**  
Use models, forms and resources that have been created by other groups to help you hit the ground running faster

## **Internet Resources**

The following websites can provide further information on hay banking, cooperatives and horse rescues.

### **Equine Welfare and Rescue**

- The Homes for Horses Coalition: [www.homesforhorses.org](http://www.homesforhorses.org)  
Provides information about horse rescue, euthanasia and standards in addition to other resources
- Equine Protection Fund:  
<http://www.equineprotectionfund.org/programs.php>  
The Equine Protection Fund provides assistance for needy equines and their families as well as individuals and organizations on the frontlines of horse welfare in our state. This site provides information on numerous assistance programs

### **Hay Banking Model Programs**

The following sites provide information on their hay banking program plus other equine program resources

- Michigan Horse Welfare Coalition Hay Bank  
<http://www.michiganhorsewelfare.org/hay-bank>
- Minnesota Hay Bank <http://minnesotahorsewelfare.org/hay-bank/>
- Oregon Hay Bank <http://www.equamore.org/hay-bank/>
- Montana Horse Welfare Council Hay Bank <http://mthorse.org/hay.html>
- Lists by state available resources for food for horses by buyers and sellers  
Internet Hay Exchange <http://www.hayexchange.com/index.php>

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