

## OUR MISSION:

THROUGH INDUSTRY COLLABORATION,  
THE UNITED HORSE COALITION PRO-  
MOTES EDUCATION AND OPTIONS FOR  
HORSES AT-RISK OR IN TRANSITION.

## THE UNITED HORSE COALITION IS COMMITTED TO HELPING HORSES AT- RISK OR IN TRANSITION BY:

- **Educating** current and prospective horse owners on how to **own responsibly**; including proper care, breeding, and options available to owners before a horse becomes at-risk.
- **Raising awareness** of the issue of at-risk horses and it's consequences within the horse industry
- **Reducing the number of at-risk horses** and working towards eliminating the problem
- **Ensuring that horses are treated humanely and with dignity throughout their lives**
- **Facilitating the exchange of information** on adoption, care, and alternative careers available
- **Providing information** on end-of-life decisions, including veterinary decisions, euthanasia, and disposal
- **Explaining the issue** through presentations at industry gatherings, such as symposiums, expo's, conferences, summits, and fairs.

For more information please check out:  
[www.unitedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unitedhorsecoalition.org)

## HELP US, HELP YOU:

Funding is necessary to ensure that the mission of the United Horse Coalition is continued. Membership in the UHC is available at several levels. For a current list of our Member Organizations, please visit the UHC website at:

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## BECOME A **MEMBER** OR **DONATE** TODAY.

If you'd like to join this important effort on behalf of America's Horses, please contact us at:

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UNITED HORSE  
**COALITION**  
EDUCATE. ADVOCATE. COLLABORATE.

WORKING TOGETHER  
TO HELP **AMERICA'S**  
**EQUINES** AT RISK OR  
IN TRANSITION.



PREVENTING **AT-RISK** HORSES BY:  
**OWNING RESPONSIBLY**

## EDUCATE:

### MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON THE UHC WEBSITE OR HARDCOPY:

- The UHC Handbook, **Own Responsibly: Guidance for Current and Potential Horse Owners** from the United Horse Coalition.
- UHC **Own Responsibly** Brochure
- UHC **Gelding/Spaying** Brochure
- The 2009 Unwanted Horse Survey
- The UHC Handbook, **Best Practices: How Your Organization Can Help At-Risk Horses**
- Rehabilitating the Neglected Horse: A Caregiver's Guide

The UHC Continues to spread the word about At-Risk Horses through the **UHC Roundup**. This newsletter is sent out via Facebook and E-mail, and contains UHC updates, industry highlights, and individual success stories.

*\*See our webpage for a further description of each material available. [www.unitedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unitedhorsecoalition.org)*



## ADVOCATE:

### THE AT-RISK HORSE:

A 2009 survey conducted by the UHC revealed three primary reasons why a horse reaches an at-risk state:

1. changes in owner's situation
2. the horse is too old or injured
3. the horse is unmanageable

### OWN RESPONSIBLY, OWNING RESPONSIBILITY:

Regardless of how a particular horse reaches a state of being at-risk, it is the **responsibility** of every **owner**, and the **industry** at large, to ensure that **we** are doing everything possible to prevent horses from becoming at-risk. Luckily, this issue is recognized by equine organizations, businesses, and individuals alike, and is one for which numerous industry groups are currently working towards a solution.

The **United Horse Coalition** is one of them.



## COLLABORATE:

### WHO WE ARE:

The **United Horse Coalition** is a broad alliance of equine organizations that have joined together under the **American Horse Council (AHC)** to educate the equine industry about the issue of horses at-risk or in transition.

The UHC is an **educational alliance** that seeks to provide information for current and prospective owners, breeders, sellers, and horse organizations, regarding the **long-term responsibilities** of owning and caring for horses, as well as focusing on opportunities available for these horses. UHC also provides information regarding end of life decisions, including veterinary care, euthanasia, and disposal options.

The **United Horse Coalition** works closely with industry leaders and equine organizations to stay up-to-date on current issues and initiatives.

## UHC RESOURCE DATABASE:

*UHC is continuously expanding it's collection of resources...*

### RESOURCES FOR CURRENT OWNERS:

- Facilities that accept horses
- Questions to ask before surrendering/retiring a horse.
- Feed and Hay Safety Net Programs
- Castration programs and clinics
- Funding for Veterinary Care
- Euthanasia programs and clinics
- Information on helping owners in end of life decisions
- Racing aftercare, placement, and training.
- Other programs

### RESOURCES FOR RESCUES/SANCTUARIES:

- Guidelines for Rescues
- Accreditation
- Matching programs for Horses and Prospective Adopters
- Non Profit Management/Fundraising
- Equine Welfare Grants
- USTA financial assistance

### RESOURCES FOR PROSPECTIVE OWNERS:

- Owning responsibly
- Finding "The Right Horse"
- Basic Horse Care and Costs
- Alternatives to buying a horse
- Is horse ownership right for me?
- and other important information

If you would like to help horses at risk or in transition, and want to be added to the UHC Resource database, please contact [uhc@horsecouncil.org](mailto:uhc@horsecouncil.org), or visit the UHC website at [www.unitedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unitedhorsecoalition.org).