



# Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

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## 2010 Year End Newsletter

Hi Everyone!

Well, I'm thinking winter is HERE! Hope you're creative enough to manage a few rides. I wish you all a healthy and happy year.

A reminder that any Business info or articles can be sent to me at [chcnewsletter.org](http://chcnewsletter.org). Be sure to check out our evolving website, by our very own web-wizard Daisy Gmitter.  
[www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org).

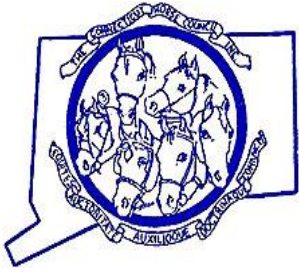
Our 2011 Calendar photo contest is complete! We've created the calendar and they're for sale through Carol Birdsey at [rbirdsey01@snet.net](mailto:rbirdsey01@snet.net). We'll be notifying you for submissions for our 2012 calendar.

**DUES are DUE!** Don't forget, the application is on page 15.  
Meg Sautter, CHC Newsletter Editor

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of *EVERY* month –  
**NEXT MEETING: February 01, 2011**

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**CT Horse Council  
TRAIL NEWS  
Volunteer Horse Patrol  
Summer 2010**



Submitted by Diane Ciano

**Your CHC Representation around the state...**

**CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL**

## Your CHC Representation around the state...

### CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL



#### CT Equine Advisory Council Logo

Lesley Alexander of Alexander Fine Art created the CT Equine Advisory Council logo pictured above. The Council extends its appreciation for her artwork of the logo and would like to let you know a little about her work.

Lesley grew up in Tolland, Connecticut. She has received her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in 2007 from Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Massachusetts. The majority of her work is graphite drawings and acrylic paintings. Lesley has had a vast amount of clients with a broad subject matter but her passion has always been equine.

Lesley has been involved with horses her entire life. She is inspired by their majestic beauty and gracefulness. She has been drawing horses ever since she could pick up a pencil and riding ever since she convinced her parents as a little girl to get her a pony for her birthday. Being around horses and studying them has helped her to understand and capture their beauty in their conformation to the personality in their eyes.

Even though horses are her true passion she puts the same amount of detail and ambition into all her other subjects. She continues to look for new challenges to strengthen her artist style. To view her work please visit her website at: [www.lesleyalexanderfineart.com](http://www.lesleyalexanderfineart.com)

#### CT Equine Advisory Council Update

The council was established on May 22, 2007 by Public Act 07-42 to assist the Department of Environmental Protection to study the issue of preservation of equine trails in the state.

The council has been meeting since then to create and work on its goals. A website is also being created and additional information will be up at the beginning of the year.

#### **2011 Meeting Schedule:**

The EAC meets at the Northeast Utilities building 107 Selden Road, Berlin.

Meeting time is 6-9 PM on the following Tuesdays:

February 16<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup> & November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The public is welcome to attend.

## CT Equine Advisory Council continued

### About the Council:

Membership: The council shall consist of the president of the Connecticut Horse Council and five representatives from organizations that serve the horse industry within each congressional district statewide in addition to one member of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

Current members are:

Established in this council to date by Public Act No. 07-42 are:

**Amy Stegall**, Stafford Springs - President of the CT Horse Council

**Meg Sautter**, Newington / First Congressional District

CT Horse Council -Volunteer Horse Patrol Supervisor, Middlebury Bridle Lands Association, and avid trail rider throughout the State of Connecticut, State Animal Response Team (SART) member - Region 3  
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member

**Jan Collins**, Somers / Second Congressional District

CT Horse Council-Volunteer Horse Patrol Coordinator. Jan patrols in the Shenipsit State Forest in Somers, Ellington, and Stafford. She also patrols the Nipmuck State Forest in Stafford and Union. She is a member of the CT Greenways Council, the Friends of Goodwin State Forest, Scantic River Watershed Association and the Somers Planning Commission's Open Space and Trails Subcommittee.

**Ruth Beardsley**, Bethany / Third Congressional District

CT Horse Council, CT Dressage & Combined Training Association, Bethany Horsemen, Bethany Horse Council, Bethany Zoning Board of Appeals, attorney, adjunct professor of Equine Law at Post University, horse owner

**Diane Ciano**, Plymouth / Fifth Congressional District

CT Horse Council -Volunteer Horse Patrol Supervisor, Trails Chairperson for CHC, and avid trail rider throughout the State of Connecticut,  
State Animal Response Team (SART) member - Region 5  
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member

**Leslie Lewis**, CT Forest & Park Association / minority leader of the Senate

**Laurie Giannotti**, CT Department of Environmental Protection Liaison

**Vacancy**, Fourth Congressional District

### Volunteers:

**Judy Beliveau**, Oxford, Acting Recording Secretary. CT Horse Council - Volunteer Horse Patrol member. She is also a member of the Newtown Bridle Lands Association (NBLA), Oxford Horse & Livestock Association (OHLA) and the Oxford Land Trust (OLT).

### Goals:

1. Promote equestrian use on public lands.
2. Preserve, Maintain and Restore existing trails.
3. Promote the development of new "Multi-Use" trails.
4. Document and create maps for trails used by equestrians.

## Your CHC Representation around the state...



### **Connecticut Greenways Council 2010 Winter Update**

Submitted by CT Greenways Council and CHC member, Jan Collins

The CT Greenways Council is comprised of 11 members appointed by the Governor or various legislatures. Two liaisons also serve on the Council, one from DEP (Dept of Environmental Protection) and one from DOT (Dept of Transportation). The DOT liaison historically has not taken a very active role in the Council's business, rarely attending meetings. With our November meeting that has changed.

Present at that meeting was Thomas Maziarz, Chief of Policy and Planning for DOT and several other officials from the agency. The message Mr. Maziarz brought is simply DOT has new policy and procedures in place including new bicycle and pedestrian initiatives that will make the department more responsive to the needs of these modes of transportation and look to fund more non-vehicular friendly projects with Federal Enhancement monies.

There will be a representative from DOT at all future Greenway meetings and they will be looking for input and offering updates on their projects. This was a good time to mention to the DOT officials that equestrians are recognized as pedestrians in the State's new Bike/Ped policy and will be a good venue to keep that to the forefront. The State's new Bike/Ped policy is now complete and the chairman of the legislative appointed Bike/Ped Council is also included in the Greenway Council's meetings.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **NOTICE: Forest road/trail (Hubbell Road) closing in Mohawk State Forest**

CHC Trails was contacted by David Irvin, DEP forester responsible for management of Mohawk State Forest in Cornwall/Goshen regarding upcoming DEP timber harvest plans, primarily to regenerate white pine and native hardwoods for greater forest age class diversity and to promote early successional habitat). The edge of a portion of this harvest will be on Hubbell Road a forest road/horse trail that connects Mohawk Pond to Wadhams Road, a state forest access road. This trail/road has previously been used for harvest of forest products and will have to be used as such again at least in portion. David notified CHC that it would be in the best interest of the public to close this section of trail for the duration of the harvest, which will occur this winter through the summer of 2011 and beyond.

He asked for contact information for the local "Connecticut Trail Riders Association" who utilize the road/trail from Eli Bunker Road in Goshen, so that he could also give them some courteous notice of their intentions in advance. CHC Trails spoke with him and offered some suggestions and help in restoring the trail/road back to rideable condition after the harvest. He was appreciative of the offer and will contact CHC when the operation is completed and spoke of help needed to create a stone bottom over a water crossing, which Diane passed on to CTRA representative Sally Doyle. CHC thanks David for his communication regarding the upcoming forest operation to the equestrians that utilize the forest road and trails in Mohawk.

## *CHC Horse Patrol Representation around the state.....*



On Saturday, October 16, 2010, **Jim Griffin** and Yankee, along with **Debbie McConnell** and Joya, represented the Connecticut Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol and The Delta Society at the Clinton Petco store's Animal Awareness and Adoption day.

**Bev Torell** and **Gina McManus** were also on hand to represent the VHP. Nancy Cochran, a friend of Jim's and Debbie's, also assisted by passing out brochures and keeping everyone in coffee and doughnuts.

Approximately two hundred people passed through the doors that day, most stopping to talk with the VHP folks and visit the horses. Plenty of Road Safety brochures were passed out, along with a good number of VHP brochures.

Yankee and Joya did their repertoire of tricks, but the highlight of the day had to be when, at the store manager's invitation, they were actually taken inside the store! There were a lot of double-takes when people saw horses walking in and out of the Petco.

The day generated a lot of positive publicity for the equestrian community in general and the CHC-VHP in particular.



## *CHC Horse Patrol Representation around the state.....*

### **Hitching Post installed for Horse Patrol members at Bart's, Windsor**



The Hitching post is up and functional! Through the hard work and dedication of Don Trinks, Windsor Mayor and owner of Bart's restaurant, the Town of Windsor ok'd and installed the hitching post. Mayor Trinks took up this effort for the CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Members who patrol and maintain the Bissell Trail. He just loves it when the horses show up at his restaurant. Windsor Town Manager, Peter Souza, gave the green light, which put in motion the efforts of Paul Norris, the Recreation Director, and Brian Funk, the Public Works Director. The resultant finished post is beautiful and functional. A **HUGE 'Thanks'** to all involved!

Volunteer Horse Patrol members have been riding the Bissell Trail to Bart's for lunch for a number of years. This scenic and seasonal (spring flooding) trail follows the Connecticut River north to where it splits from the Farmington River East. Leaving from the Windsor Boat Launch, the trail wends through a section of Windsor Meadows State Park. Continuing north there are connections to Windsor's Pleasant Street Park where the trail ends, for now, at Bart's on Route 159 in Windsor. It's been dubbed by the Patrol Members as *'The Hot Dog Run'*. There are several outdoor tables, a perfect patch of lawn to graze the horses and a hose to water your horse while you get a 'World Famous' Bart's hotdog with all the trimmings.

The State is presently working with the towns of Windsor and Hartford to continue the trail south into Hartford. Keney Park is nearby with additional riding trails.

Pictured above are HP members Jess Kuwaye with Tonka, Meg Sautter and Dancer, Daisy Gmitter with Bucky, and Mayor Tinks.



***CHC Horse Patrol Representation around the state.....***

**Volunteer Horse Patrol Members Trail Clearing**

Cockaponset State Forest - trail clearing was done in the Weber Woods by members of the Lower CT River Horsemen's Club. **CHC-VHP members - Peg Lupone, Melissa Evarts & Gina McManus** worked to weed whack and clear paths to jumps in preparation for their annual Hunter Pace along with Peg's husband Mario and their dog Lady.

**Mario Lupone**



**Peg Lupone & Lady**



**Before**



**After**



## ***CHC Horse Patrol Representation around the state.....***

### **CHC & VHP Presentations**

Meg Sautter and Diane Ciano gave presentations about the CT Horse Council and the Volunteer Horse Patrol to two organizations in October. They spoke at the **Tri-State Horsemen's Association** meeting in Rhode Island and to the **Reddington Rock Riding Club** in Somers. 10 members of RRRC have joined the CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol and are undergoing the application process. Uniforms will be distributed at a ceremony in the spring after the horse & rider assessment to be held at the Club's campground. Members will join Jan Collins, who is the CHC-VHP Coordinator in patrolling and maintaining the trails in Shenipsit State Forest along with town and land trust trails in Somers. Below is a picture from their CPR & First Aid Certification class given by Meg Sautter

#### **10 New VHP Member applicants – Reddington Rock Riding Club members**



Left to right: Danna Krzynowek, Meg Sautter, Anicia Young, Ann Moses  
Bonny Herindeen, Corinne Breyette, Susan Taricani  
Bottom row: Monty Moses, Gloria Coles, Karen and Gillis Gregoire

### **Welcome New Volunteer Horse Patrol Member:**

#### **Aimee Mard - Oxford, CT**

Aimee joins the VHP with her two horses, Dune Dancer and Tonka Wakan who are also ridden by her mom, VHP member Chris. Aimee has ridden with a group of VHP members for several years and has now become an "official" member of the "Sisterhood of the Riding Pants".

## ***Farewell to Volunteer Our Patrol horses***

Farewell to Patrol Horses Cupcake and Genuine Comotion. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Angela Deschenes and Christel Maturo, VHP Coordinator for the Sleeping Giant DEP Area and DiDominicus Property in Cheshire.

A candle has been lit for them on the Hoofbeats in Heaven, Candle Lighting Tributes website: <http://www.hoofbeats-in-heaven.com/candlelighting/>



Cupcake and Angie Deschenes started the VHP at its very beginning in 2003. Cupcake was an exceptional patrol horse and mount for Angie. The picture above is of Angie and Cupcake at a "No Child Left Inside" Program, Gillette Castle State Park.



Christel Maturo's beloved horse Genuine Comotion. (Mo) passed away at 26 years old. This photo was taken at the Blessing of the Mounts in May

Make a no cost donation to Connecticut Horse Council through **I Give** !

While you are online doing shopping—consider this: CHC is now listed with “I Give” online shopping! I Give is an online shopping mall, whose companies participate in charitable giving.

They have more than 600 online stores participating in the program including Lands End, Cabelas, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Back in the Saddle, Barnes & Noble and more....

All you need to do is register, choose Connecticut Horse Council as your charity, and then use their online portal to access the store of your choice. Each company provides a percentage of the proceeds from your purchases to the charity of your choice, and when you pick Horse Council, we receive a donation. This is free to you, and very easy to use.

Currently, CHC is one of 37,921 charities & nonprofit organizations listed with I Give. To date, IGive.com shoppers have raised over \$2,675,366.91 for their favorite causes. If you are shopping online, think of CHC and I Give by visiting: <http://www.igive.com>

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## **Animal Emergencies, Poison, & First Aid: Pet Resources**

There is a web page of resources to prepare for, prevent, and if necessary respond to animal emergencies.

The page includes phone numbers for both the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center & the Animal Poison Hotline. The page of resources for animal emergencies is: <http://catanddoghelp.com/animals/poison.php>

- \* ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center web site
- \* American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) What You Should Know about Household Hazards to Pets
- \* American Animal Hospital Association's Pet First Aid
- \* American Veterinary Medical Association First Aid Tips for Pet Owners
- \* University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Basic First Aid for Your Pet
- \* American Veterinary Medical Association Disaster Preparedness Series: Saving the Whole Family
- \* Common Injuries & First Aid for Companion Birds
- \* Avian Emergencies
- \* Emergency First Aid for Horses
- \* Frostbite
- \* Dog Owner's Guide: Is it an emergency? These conditions require immediate attention
- \* Ho Do You Build a First Aid Kit for Your Pet?
- \* U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency's Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies

## **Equipment for Special-Needs Pets & Other Animals:**

<http://catanddoghelp.com/spcneeds/snequip.php>



## State of CT Dept of Agriculture “Second Chance” Program at Gates Prison

In 2003 the Dept of Agriculture’s Commissioner was faced with a situation of neglect and abuse with no facility to place these horses and mules once seized. The Commissioner went to work and was able to secure 5 acres at the Gates Prison in Niantic, have a “temporary” 22 stall building erected, and with the help of the DOT, materials were brought in to build paddocks. The seizure of 29 animals took place with the overflow going to the Governor’s Horse Guard. Dept of Agriculture Officer Maureen Griffin had horse experience and with the assistance of the Gates Prison Warden got the program up and running. The Warden continues to support this important program as does the Governor’s Horse Guard. Linda Wenner was the Animal Control Officer in Mansfield for 7 years and joined the Dept of Agriculture in 1987. She began working at Gates in 2004 and now has 30 years experience in animal welfare. Linda currently oversees the program. With the help of a staff of two Agricultural Workers and 4 to 5 selected inmates they take care of a full barn. Additionally, Linda and fellow officers monitor potential cases and past offenders around the State. She also joined the CHC’s Volunteer Horse Patrol in 2010.

The inmates working with the horses and other residents at Second Chance are selected based on a strict criteria and must have no history of violence as well as being cleared for outside work. It is considered a privilege to work at Second Chance.

Some of the horses are ready for adoption at the upcoming UCONN auction which takes place in late April. These horses have recovered from their neglect and are sound. Other horses are purely suited to be pasture pals and are available for adoption through the Dept of Agriculture. Some horses will remain at Gates while they are being treated for various ailments or undergoing rehab to see if they return to soundness. There is one thing that they all have in common....they make eye contact, their personalities are evident and they are not afraid. These are huge changes from when they arrived. (Additional info re. UCONN auction or adoption below).

A new barn is planned. It will have 24 stalls, hot water, an exam/wash stall and many other features to enhance the facility. This is great news as it shows further commitment by the State to the program.

Linda and her team are to be commended for the tremendous work they do. It’s a combination of knowledge and experience, compassion and strength (both physical and emotional) as well as commitment and love (to name a few) that makes this program so successful.

**Our sincere thanks to the members of the CT Horse Council and beyond for all of your support.**

Visit this link to contact UCONN about the auction or to be put on their mailing list.

<http://animalscience.uconn.edu/contactus.php>

***For details on adopting a pasture pal contact Linda Wenner at: 860-713-2564.***

Cat Wilder and Lind Wenner at the ‘Second Chance’ program trailer with some items recently donated.



# Supporting Members

Welcome to our new members!

Welcome back to those of you who have renewed your membership for 2011!

Your support is what keeps the Connecticut Horse Council able to fight for the rights of horse owners in the State of Connecticut with trails issues, zoning, and legislative issues.

*Tell a friend about the CHC!*

## Individual Members: RENEWALS

### \*= Horse Patrol)

Lorraine Amalavage-Seymour  
Marie Aparo-New Britain  
Josephine Barker-Norfolk  
\*Judy Beliveau-Oxford  
Carol Birdsey-Middletown  
Betsy Ann Brennan-Ansonia  
\*Andrea Brosnan-Newtown  
Christina Burkert-East Granby  
\*Sally Carter-Wallingford  
\*Louis Casabona-Cheshire  
\*Denise Ciano-Wolcott  
\*Diane Ciano-Plymouth  
Linda Colangelo-Naugatuck  
\*Jody Dardis-Oxford  
\*Alesia DiFederico-Oxford  
Michele Dubois-Burlington  
Renee Felter-Avon  
\*Ken Forcier-Oxford  
Kathy Gallaer-Sherman  
\*Vevette Greenberg-Oxford  
\*Hannah Hale-Middletown  
\*Judith Hunter-Branford  
Heidi Jeffries-East Hampton  
Theresa Kennedy-Killingworth  
\*Edna Liberty-Portland  
Carla Lord-Southbury  
Nancy Mangino-Cheshire  
\*Cheryl Mastele - Durham  
\*Fred Mastele - Durham  
Lauren Moroch-Colchester  
Leslie Neikrie-East Haddam  
Solene Rodrigue-South Glastonbury  
Tony Roswell-Southbury  
\*Meg Sautter-Newington  
Amy Stegall-Stafford Springs  
Gloriana Tardie-Newtown  
Karen Ann von Bachel-South Windsor  
Catriona Cleveland-Durham

## Individual Members: NEW

Mary Bonville-North Stonington  
Carol Borsari-Wallingford  
\*Corrinne Breyette'-Somers  
\*Diane Carleton-Somers  
Tracy DeGennaro-Higganum  
Nancy Gwozdz-Berlin  
Barbara Hammarlund-North Guilford  
Shelia Harrington-Somers  
Marianne Janesky-Southbury  
Adrienne Malane-Hamden  
Karen Mazur-Colchester  
Kelly Misevich-Mansfield  
Barbara Perodeau-Enfield  
Paul Richardson-New Hartford  
Reva Seybolt-East Woodstock  
Laurel Urda-Simsbury  
Ken Warner-Griswold  
Susan Zapatka-Beacon Falls  
\*Bonny Herindeen-Willington  
\*Danna Krzynowek-Somers

## Family Members: RENEWALS

\*Cathy & James Clouse-Cheshire  
Kurt & Kerry Comisky-East Hampton  
Howard Pinkham & Lori Dubois-Simsbury  
Cindy & Morgan Fields-Lebanon  
John, Kay & Jena Greaser-Barkhamsted  
Peter and Sharon Haddad-Franklin  
\*Chris & Aimee Mard-Oxford  
Donald & Leslie Oswald-Clinton  
Richard & Cynthia Sams-East Haddam  
Kitt Tierney Family-West Hartford

## Family Members: NEW

Lisa & Ashley Berardesca-Guilford  
\*Gillis & Karen Gregoire-Willington  
\*Ann, Monty & Lauren Moses-Somers  
Don & Jean Nordell-East Windsor  
Peter J. Rek Family-Prospect  
\*Susan Taricani-Somers  
Wendy Tarriff & John Reddicks-Stafford Springs  
Dori Wolf Family-East Hampton  
Erin Yarochowicz Family-Broad Brook  
\*Anicia B. Young Family-Somers

# Supporting Businesses

## Business Members: RENEWALS

Doug Dubitsky, Esq.

Equine Law

[DOUG@LAWYER.COM](mailto:DOUG@LAWYER.COM) OR 860-808-8601

Drafty Pines Farm-Central Village

Chasin Tails Photography-Rocky Hill

Hills Farm Maromas Stables-Middletown

Secret Whisper Farm-Oxford

TFA Farms & Landscape-Moodus

## Organizations: RENEWALS

Granby Horse Council-Granby

## Business Members: NEW

B-C Large Animal Clinic

Alice V. Ennis DVM

Canterbury, CT 860-546-6998

Connecticut Equestrian Center

Athene von Hirschberg

Coventry, CT 860-742-6883

Horse Central Stable - Granby

Pam & Rick Stevens 860-653-5504

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Ansonia, CT

The Athletic Equestrian - Chaplin

Clothing for the Active Rider

[theathleticequestrian.com](http://theathleticequestrian.com) 860-942-2605

## Organizations: NEW

Tri-State Horsemen's Association

948 Ekonk Hill Rd

Voluntown, CT 860.564.4700

[treasurer@tristatehorsemen.com](mailto:treasurer@tristatehorsemen.com)

## Membership Committee Report

Equine Affaire 2010

It was great to see so many members at Equine Affaire this year and to meet so many new people and have them join as members. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Everyone who helped at the booth. **Josephine Barker, Amy Stegall, Ron Hocutt, Laurianne Goulet, Judy Beliveau, Alesia DiFederico, Meg Sautter, Shirley Vichitto, Fred & Cheryl Mastele, Cat Wilder** and to **Jane Baker & Craig Kaeser** a special thank you for loading the truck, helping set up, break down, and putting everything away.

Thanks to those of you that joined by mail or on line. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize.

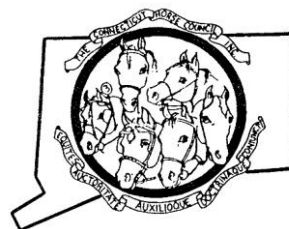
*Carol Birdsey*



THE CONNECTICUT HORSE COUNCIL, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Temporary Recession  
Reduction Offer ends  
12/31/11*

**2011**



**Membership Classification (Check One)**

☐ Individual \$10 ☐ Family \$15 ☐ Student \$8 ☐ Business / Professional \$20 ☐ Club \* \$20

☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL **Membership decal available** ☐ Static ☐ Sticker

Check which one you wish to receive with your membership. Additional decals are available for \$1.00 each

**How did you hear about the CHC?** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB or BUSINESS NAME** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY / STATE/ ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF HORSES OWNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AREAS OF INTEREST** (Please check all that apply)

☐ Trails ☐ Zoning ☐ Booth ☐ Legislation ☐ Website ☐ Emergency/Disaster Preparedness  
☐ Volunteer Horse Patrol ☐ Education ☐ Horse 911

**I would be willing to serve on a committee of my interest.** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

**I would be willing to have my name listed with CHC Connections as a person to contact in an emergency involving horses, or for emergency resources.** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

**Please describe resources/services you would be able to provide on the back of this form.**

**I wish to join The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

**Make checks payable to:**  
The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.  
P.O. Box 57  
Durham, CT 06422-0057

[www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org)

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Connecticut Horse Council Connections is a volunteer network being developed to provide assistance and resources to fellow horse owners in the state during times of natural or man-made disasters, or emergency incidents such as fires, loose horses, or trailer accidents. When there is an incident or emergency situation involving horses Connections will be a resource for local fire departments, first response dispatchers, and, as they continue to organize, with local CTSART Region Team Leaders. If you choose to participate in Connections, CHC will add your name to our list of people who can be contacted when help is needed.

[ ] CHC has my permission to make my name available to my local Fire Department/local Emergency Dispatcher as an experienced horseperson to call in the event of an incident involving horse/s.

My local FD is \_\_\_\_\_ Local Police \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency trailering for horse/s.

Type/size of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide temporary emergency shelter/housing/paddock space for horses which need to be relocated in emergency situations.

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency supplies (feed, bedding, or other) for horses involved in emergency incidents.

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I am unable to participate at this time but would like to be included in future alerts or mailings.

**Although not yet mandated by Connecticut statute, the CT State Animal Response Team regions recognize the needs of large animals. CHC remains committed to assisting the five Region Team Leaders in their efforts to include horses in their disaster response plans.**

[ ] Please give me the contact name of my CTSART Region Team Leader so I can contact him/her.

**I attest that I am at least 18 years of age and that the information I provide The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. is true and accurate. I understand that I may, in any particular situation, prudently decline to offer my good faith services. I further understand that The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. acts only as a conduit for providing this information to individuals and organizations for the purpose of emergency response, and CHC is not liable for any injury or misadventure resulting in my volunteer efforts.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Supporting Business Members

CHC would like to encourage horse owners to use the services of our member businesses. This will help our industry to prosper. If your business does not appear here, consider joining CHC so that we may add your listing as well. This information is made available at our trade show booth and on our website.

**Note: Listings in our business directory is a service to our members only, and does not necessarily endorse any individual, business, or product.**

## Acorn Studio

**Mary & Chip Geer**  
86 Sunset Drive 06033 - 4141  
Glastonbury, CT

**860-430-1950**

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Cars To Order

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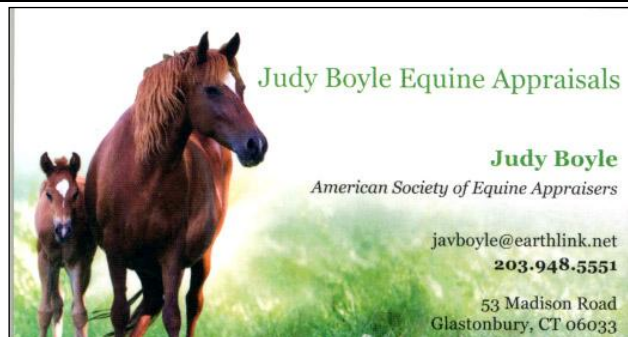
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Hi! A quick note from me, Meg, the editor of the CHC Newsletter. I'm also the one who occasionally send out missives with **major** components missing...like the date!? Sorry to frustrate you all.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome those of you who are new! You've made a wise investment with your limited discretionary funds. CHC works tirelessly for Connecticut equestrians in areas of zoning, education and legislation...and all from within a volunteer organization. Thank you for supporting us. Be sure to visit the website [www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org).

I'd also like to mention 'Meg's List'. It's an email list that concerns **ALL** things horsey. Everything is sent blind carbon copy, which ensures your email is never revealed. If you'd like to be a part of that, contact me via email. You'll be informed of benefit rides, things for sale/trade, and requests.

This will probably be a very busy legislative year. Session starts January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please take this time now, to learn who your state reps are...we may be asking you to contact them for some upcoming legislation. You can go to the CHC website and find this info.

***Please remember CHC dues are due every January.*** We're having a 'recession buster' special again this year...see page 15 of this Newsletter for the application.

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Fall 2010 by Cathy Sautter



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