



### ***Welcome to the first newsletter for the Rescue 100 Horses Foundation!***

Much has happened since the Rescue 100 Horses Foundation was established in response to the 2008 herd seizure. New horses have come to the Foundation over the past few months. Currently there are 13 horse currently in the care of Rescue 100. Pictures of horses that are ready for placement can be found on page 3.

February marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Rescue 100 Horses Foundation. An enormous amount of work has been accomplished thanks to volunteers and Keno Hills staff and friends.

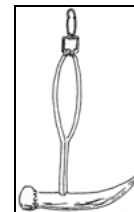
### **— GOOD HORSEKEEPING —**

#### ***Snowball Buildup Under Hooves***

Something that occurs to horses in the winter is snowballing or ice balls under their hooves. You might notice that your horse is taller than when you last saw him. If you check the hooves, you'll probably see heavy ice and snow buildup that makes the horse seem like it's walking on a baseball. Not only will your horse be at risk for slipping, but if not removed, ice balls actually can press against the sole and cause bruising.

Maybe you've had the experience of leading your horse into the barn to work him. And as soon as the hooves hit the cement, the legs take on a life of their own. Remember the movie "Bambi" and the scene where Bambi tries to stand on the frozen pond? Now bring that image into your mind when you think of your horse. While it was amusing in the movie, your horse won't find it too funny.

In the days of horse-drawn sleighs, every driver had a small, sharp-pointed, curved hammer made by a farrier. Periodically the driver would stop the sleigh and use the snowball hammer to remove snow from the horse's hooves. The photos below show two different types that were used in Maine in the 1800s. The left-hand photo is from the Davistown Museum; the right-hand photo is from the Wilson Museum



Think carefully before using any tool to whack a hoof. Never hit the wall, thinking that the snowball will drop out. Only hit the foot from the bottom. When you lift a foot to knock the snowball out, have someone stand on the opposite side of the horse to steady him.

Whatever tool you use to remove ice balls, make sure the point is not pointed enough to gouge the frog or sole if your hand slips. People use a variety of implements, many of which shouldn't be used for this task such as knives, screwdrivers, awls, tire irons, or even nails to clean out the ice/snow. Most horse veterinarians have stories about puncture wounds caused by all sorts of bizarre instruments that became imbedded in the foot during ice removal (or during any other hoof cleaning).



What's a barn without cats?? Garfield is just keeping the oats warm on a cold day.

— **RECIPE CORNER** —

Probably all of us enjoy giving our horse a reward now and then—a special treat. Years ago Pillsbury had an ad on television that said “Nothing says loving like something from the oven”. That philosophy isn’t limited to people. Here is a recipe for an easy horse treat using oatmeal, carrots and molasses.

Oatmeal horse cookies

- 1 cup uncooked oats (not instant)
- 1 cup whole grain flour
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup molasses

Add ingredients to bowl and mix. If dough is too stiff, add a small amount of water to make soft but firm dough. Form dough into small balls and place onto a greased (sprayed with non-stick coating like "Pam") cookie sheet or drop by teaspoon full onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees F for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Do not burn.

— **Tip of the Month** —

*Difficulties in communication with horses are often put down to the horse’s inability or unwillingness to understand what we are trying to ask or tell him. But often the opposite is true—it is we who, absorbed in our own views, are blind to what the horse is telling us.*

—Lucy Rees “The Horse’s Mind”

— **NEWS BYTES** —

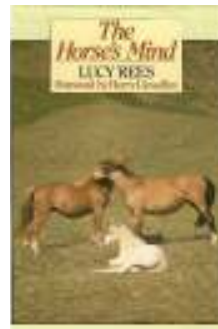
A herd of wild ponies in an area known as the Bronson Forest in Saskatchewan is now protected under a new law passed in November 2009 by the Saskatchewan government. The new law states “No persons shall in any way willfully molest, interfere with, capture or kill any of the wild ponies of the Bronson Forest.”

These ponies are believed to be descendants of workhorses used by pioneers or First Nations people, and have been in the area for more than a century.

The Bronson Forest is about 170 km north of Lloydminster. The wild herd has been in decline in recent years. It currently numbers about three dozen animals compared to more than over 100 four years ago.

— **BOOK REVIEW** —

*The Horse’s Mind by Lucy Rees*



This is a very practical book that gives us insight into the working of the horse’s mind. It explores the reasons behind the horse’s natural likes and dislikes, fears and habits, showing how their love for company has led to a sensitive and complicated use of signals. The “bad” behaviour of horses, says Rees, is due to misunderstanding

on our part, and to their being kept in un-natural conditions that cause them stress and unhappiness. She offers an approach to training and dealing with “problem” horses that uses the horse’s natural behaviour and encourages harmony and great communication between horse and human.

**RESCUE 100 Horses Foundation HAY NETWORK**

*A match made in heaven!*

*In light of the present hay shortage, Rescue 100 Horses foundation has created a way to connect those with hay with those who need it.*

*If you are an animal owner and are in need of hay... or*

*If you are a hay supplier who has hay for sale...*

*Please email [Kenohills@gmail.com](mailto:Kenohills@gmail.com). We would love to set you up...*

Rescue 100 T-Shirts  
**Pet Expo Special!**  
**\$15.00**  
 Regular Price \$20.00

— HORSES READY FOR PLACEMENT —

#2B – VIOLETTA 1998 Arabian Mare



#107 RUFUS 2009 Colt



#114 MISTY – Mature Mare



#105 – DIVA/MOMMA – 1988  
Thoroughbred Mare



#108 CASTROL 2009 Colt



#115 SHYUN (Shy One)



2008 Filly

#106 KIDD 2009 Colt



#112 TITAN – Estimated age 18+  
years



#116 KIKI



2009 Filly

#113 CASSIA – 2009 Filly



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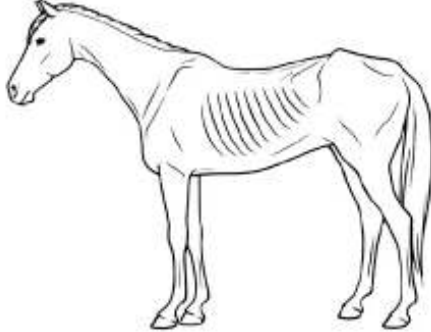
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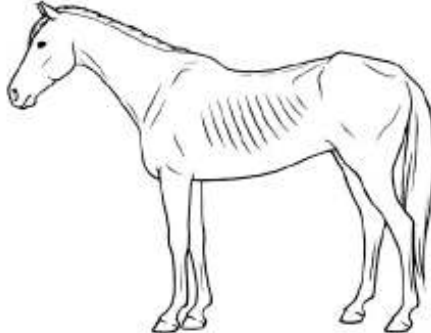
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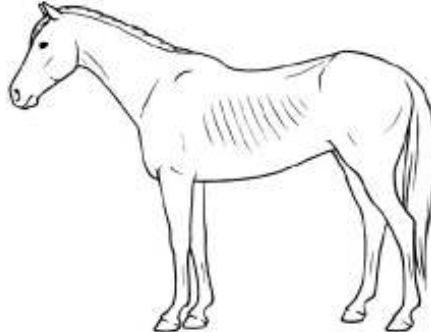
– **BODY CONDITION SCORING FOR HORSES** –

Note: The following information and graphics are from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development ([http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex9622](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex9622)).

Body condition scoring is a method of evaluating body fat in relationship to body musculature. The system developed by Dr. Don Henneke assigns a numerical value from 1 to 9 based on the deposition of fat on horses in the areas of the loin, ribs, tailhead, withers, neck and shoulders (see figures below). The system works by assessing fat both visually and by palpation in each of these six areas.

<p><b>BCS 1</b></p> <p><b>WHOLE BODY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor condition</li> <li>• Extremely emaciated</li> <li>• No fat tissue felt</li> </ul> <p><b>NECK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bone structure visible</li> </ul> <p><b>WITHERS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bone structure easily visible</li> </ul> <p><b>LOIN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spinous processes project prominently</li> </ul> <p><b>TAIL HEAD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tail head, pin and hook bones project prominently</li> </ul> <p><b>RIBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project prominently</li> </ul> <p><b>SHOULDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bone structure easily noticeable</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>BCS 2</b></p> <p><b>WHOLE BODY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very thin</li> <li>• Emaciated</li> </ul> <p><b>NECK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bones faintly discernible</li> </ul> <p><b>WITHERS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bone structure faintly noticeable</li> </ul> <p><b>LOIN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spinous processes prominent</li> <li>• Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes</li> <li>• Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded</li> </ul> <p><b>TAIL HEAD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prominent</li> </ul> <p><b>RIBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prominent</li> </ul> <p><b>SHOULDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faintly discernible</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>BCS 3</b></p> <p><b>WHOLE BODY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thin</li> </ul> <p><b>NECK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accentuated</li> </ul> <p><b>WITHERS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accentuated</li> </ul> <p><b>LOIN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fat build-up halfway on spinous processes, but easily discernible</li> <li>• Can't feel transverse processes</li> </ul> <p><b>TAIL HEAD:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prominent but individual vertebrae can't be visually identified</li> <li>• Hook bones rounded, but easily discernible</li> <li>• Pin bones not distinguishable</li> </ul> <p><b>RIBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slight fat cover</li> <li>• Individual ribs discernible</li> </ul> <p><b>SHOULDER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accentuated</li> </ul>	
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**BCS 4**

**WHOLE BODY**

- Moderately thin

**NECK**

- Not obviously thin

**WITHERS**

- Not obviously thin

**LOIN**

- Negative crease along back

**TAIL HEAD**

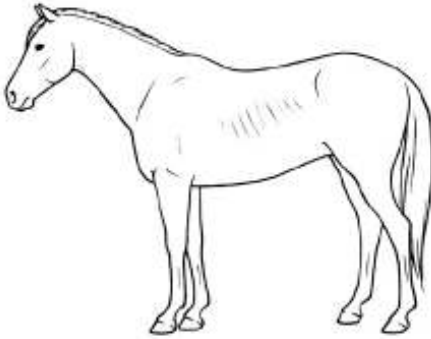
- Prominence depends on conformation
- Fat palpable
- Hook bones not discernible

**RIBS**

- Faint outline discernible

**SHOULDER**

- Not obviously thin



**BCS 5**

**WHOLE BODY**

- Moderate condition

**NECK**

- Blends smoothly into body

**WITHERS**

- Rounded over spinous processes

**LOIN**

- Back is level

**TAIL HEAD**

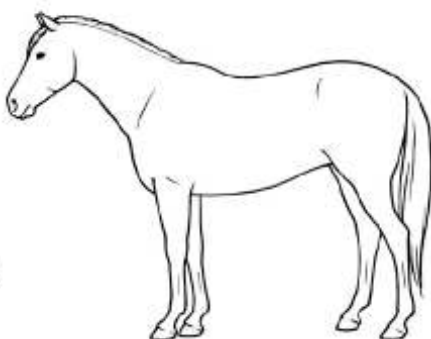
- Fat around tail head beginning to feel spongy

**RIBS**

- Individual ribs can be felt, but not visually distinguished

**SHOULDER**

- Blends smoothly into body



**BCS 6**

**WHOLE BODY**

- Moderately fleshy

**NECK**

- Fat beginning to be deposited

**WITHERS**

- Fat beginning to be deposited

**LOIN**

- May have slight positive crease down back

**TAIL HEAD**

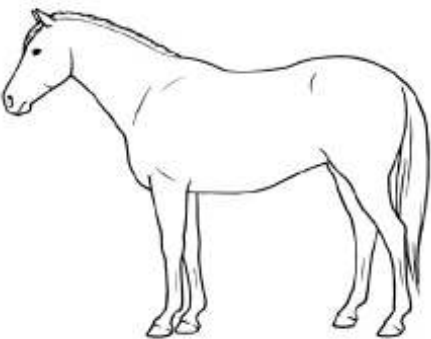
- Fat around tail head feels soft

**RIBS**

- Fat over ribs feels spongy

**SHOULDER**

- Fat beginning to be deposited
- Point-of-shoulder not discernible



**BCS 7**

**WHOLE BODY**

- Fleshy

**NECK**

- Fat deposited along neck

**WITHERS**

- Fat deposited along withers

**LOIN**

- May have positive crease down back, behind shoulder

**TAIL HEAD**

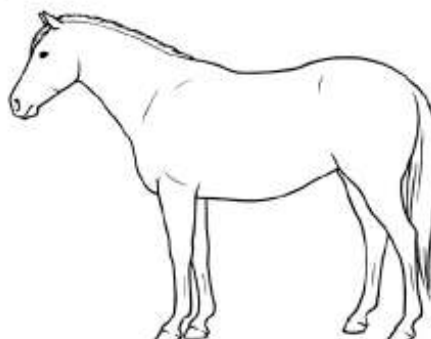
- Fat around tail head is soft

**RIBS**

- Individual ribs can be felt
- Noticeable fat filling between ribs

**SHOULDER**

- Fat deposited behind shoulder



**BCS 8**

**WHOLE BODY**

- Fat
- Fat deposited along inner buttocks

**NECK**

- Noticeable thickening of neck

**WITHERS**

- Area along withers filled with fat

**LOIN**

- Positive crease down back

**TAIL HEAD**

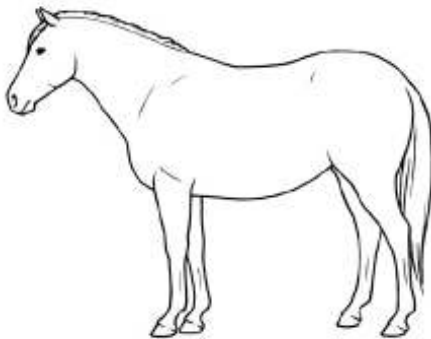
- Tail head fat very soft

**RIBS**

- Difficult to feel individual ribs

**SHOULDER**

- Area behind shoulder filled in, flush with body



**BCS 9**

**WHOLE BODY**

- Extremely fat
- Fat along inner buttocks may rub together
- Flank filled in flush

**NECK**

- Bulging fat

**WITHERS**

- Bulging fat

**LOIN**

- Obvious positive crease down back

**TAIL HEAD**

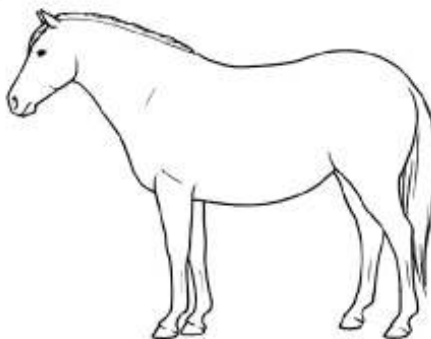
- Building fat around tail head

**RIBS**

- Patchy fat appearing over ribs

**SHOULDER**

- Bulging fat



—LINKS—

**REPORTING SUSPECTED ANIMAL CRUELTY**

*A few possible signs of abuse:*

*No water*

*No food*

*Injuries that appear to be untreated*

*Extremely thin animals*

*Hair loss*

*Overgrown hooves*

*If you suspect animal cruelty, we encourage you to report this to the Alberta S.P.C.A.*

*All calls are confidential.*

**1.800.455.9003**

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The Wild Horses of Alberta Society:  
<http://northernhorse.com/wildhorses/>

Keno Hills Stable: <http://www.kenohills.com/>

Unwanted Horse Coalition: [www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org)

Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada: [www.horsewelfare.ca](http://www.horsewelfare.ca)

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**"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."  
Anatole France**