



**Central PA Humane Society
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HELP FOR HORSES NEEDED!

The Central PA Humane Society is in great need of donations of hay and other items to care for the increased number of horses that have been seized or surrendered to the Shelter in recent months. “We need the community’s help!” exclaimed Debbie Pierce, Director of Marketing.

Presently, CPHS has two Appaloosa horses, both geldings, less than 5 years of age; both green broke, that are available for adoption now. They also have a Draft horse that is pending a court hearing. “These horses eat a lot! And we are scrambling to provide the proper care that they need,” said Shelter Manager, Debbie Simon. “Donations of hay (square or round bales), oats, sweet food, halters, leads, anything that pertains to horses would be greatly appreciated. Also – saw dust for bedding is needed! If the donation could be delivered, that is preferable, but if not, we will make arrangements to pick it up.”

Shelters all over the country are experiencing an increase in the surrender of animals due to economic reasons, especially horses, as they are expensive to maintain. The cost of a bale of hay has doubled, and in some places, tripled! The shelter has risen to the challenge and has made accommodations for their new guests with the generosity of Dean Patterson and Scotch Run Farms, and G&R Demolition and Excavating, Tyrone, who has donated lumber to make stalls. A caring individual, has offered a temporary home for the horses, until they are adopted.

Please contact Debbie Pierce, at 942-2477 if you are able to donate any items or are want adoption information. “The need is great! Any help the community can give us at this time will be much appreciated.”

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