



Operation Gelding SCHC Horse Welfare Committee

Objective: To reduce the number of unwanted horses in South Carolina by offering assistance to qualified horse owners willing to geld their stallions and by partnering with horse welfare organizations to offer free gelding clinics.

Funding: The HWC of the SCHC will raise funds at the yearly EXPO and through separate fund raising activities (i.e. trail rides, planned events, etc.). Donations to Operation Gelding may also be made.

Qualifications For Participation:

1. Any barn, horse welfare organization, or saddle club shall be considered for assistance if they wish to put on a free gelding clinic. It is recommended that they first apply for a grant under the Unwanted Horse Coalition and follow their guidelines for putting on a free gelding clinic. Then the SCHC Horse Welfare Committee shall partner with said organization and provide up to \$300 in assistance per clinic as funds are available. Each request shall be taken on an individual basis, reviewed, and voted on by the SCHC Horse Welfare Committee. For information, please contact Betty Rankin jrankin421@aol.com
2. An individual horse owner may apply directly for assistance with a recommendation from a veterinarian, horse welfare organization, or animal control shelter. Each application to be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine need. When approved, payment for castration shall be made directly to the attending veterinarian by SCHC.
3. Forms to be required are as follows: Requester of Assistance Application, a signed Consent Form releasing SCHC, SCHC Horse Welfare Committee, attending veterinarian and/or his veterinarian students, technicians, and volunteers from liability should a stallion experience any complications or death from this procedure, along with a signed acknowledgement of Aftercare Instructions.
4. A site visit to applicant may be scheduled.