



## **FREE GELDING CLINIC**

**Presented by the Kentucky Horse Park, the Kentucky Horse Council, and the Unwanted Horse Coalition**

**March 10, 2012**

Kentucky Horse Park, Miller Barn – next to the Alltech Indoor Arena

### **FREE GELDING / CASTRATION CLINIC GUIDELINES**

Pre-registration is required. This clinic is open to the public for equine owners who require financial assistance in order to castrate their stallions. Castrations will be provided at no charge to clinic participants but a **\$20 application fee** will be required for each horse. The clinic is limited to 20 stallions. Owners are responsible for all other costs associated with the clinic such as travel and any aftercare required.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Owners must complete Official Unwanted Horse Coalition Clinic Participant Application. Applications and payment must be received on or before **February 24, 2012**.
- Owners must submit proof of horse ownership with applications (equine registration papers, bill of sale or other identification).
- Owners must submit 30 day health inspection certificate as well as proof of negative Coggins (EIA) test with application. Photocopies are accepted.
- Owners must submit The Unwanted Horse Coalition's Signed Consent form with clinic application.
- Applications should be sent to: Kentucky Horse Park  
Sheila Forbes  
4089 Ironworks Parkway  
Lexington, KY 40511  
Email: [Sheila.forbes@ky.gov](mailto:Sheila.forbes@ky.gov) Fax: 859-259-4206

#### **OPERATION GELDING: HOW IT WORKS**

- Castrations are performed by a veterinarian or veterinary student under close supervision by a licensed veterinarian.
- Stallions must be halter broke with two descended testicles and be at least 4 months of age. There is no upper age limit.
- Castrations must be scheduled in advance. The Kentucky Horse Park will contact registered clinic participants with their appointment time in advance of the clinic.
- Each horse owner will be given a specific time to arrive at the clinic. Horse owners must arrive within a 30-minute time window or their appointment may be cancelled.
- Each horse must have at least one qualified handler with it at all times. If bringing multiple horses, multiple handlers are required.

## PRIOR TO THE CASTRATION

- All stallions must be in good health and have a current negative Coggins test dated within 12 months of the clinic date and obtain a 30 day health inspection certificate. If other requirements are necessary, you will be contacted.
- All stallions should be clean and should arrive in a well fitted halter with a sturdy lead rope or chain shank if required.
- Bring any vaccination and deworming records to the clinic.
- Upon arrival please park your horse trailer in front of the Miller Barn and check-in with one of the clinic staff.
- Stalls will be bedded with straw upon arrival. Participants do not need to bring their own bedding however they should bring their own water buckets.

## AFTER CASTRATION

- Geldings will be monitored by the veterinary team following the procedure.
- On average, each horse will require an hour of recovery time before he can safely travel home.
- Owners will receive aftercare instructions.
- No horses may be removed until official release by veterinary staff.

## IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

- In case of poor weather forecast, participants will be notified via phone or email the night before the clinic.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

The Kentucky Horse Park is conveniently located off Exit 120 on I-75 in northern Fayette County. The park address is 4089 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. Participants should enter through the main KHP entrance and notify the parking booth that they are here for the clinic. Participants should follow Cigar Lane to Alltech Way and turn left onto Alltech Way (just past the Big Barn on the right). The clinic will be held in the Miller Barn which will be on your right. Upon arrival, participants should park in front of the Miller Barn and check-in will clinic staff. A check-in booth will be located in the barn



## PARKING

Once the stallion owner has checked-in with clinic staff and unloaded and placed horse in assigned stall, all vehicles should be moved to the Indoor Arena Parking lot located east of the barn area. No parking is allowed in the barn area other than official and veterinary vehicles.



# OPERATION GELDING CLINIC PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

All stallions must be in good health, clean and equipped with a well-fitted halter and a sturdy lead. Please bring your stallion's prior health, vaccination and de-worming records in addition to a negative coggins and certificate of veterinary inspection report. The veterinarian on hand reserves the right to refuse to perform the procedure on any stallion not fit for surgery.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number, breed and sex of the horses on your property:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please list all stallions to be castrated through this program:

NAME	BREED	AGE

Veterinarian Name/Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit all applications and **\$20 application fee** on or before **February 24, 2012**:

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## The Unwanted Horse Coalition's Operation Gelding Consent Form

I have read the attached Operation Gelding participant information and understand the information contained within it.

I understand that Operation Gelding volunteer veterinarians are not able to perform an extensive pre-operative diagnostic evaluation. I further understand that there is an additional anesthetic risk when this procedure is performed. I understand that my stallion will be anesthetized for this procedure and that there is a risk involved with anesthesia, including unexpected death. I further understand that the procedure may be performed by veterinary students under very close supervision of the volunteer veterinarians on hand.

Operation Gelding volunteer veterinarians and/or the host organization reserve the right to refuse to perform the procedure on any particular stallion.

I understand that under Kentucky Law, a farm animal activity sponsor, farm animal professional, or other person does not have the duty to eliminate all risks of injury to the participant or participation in farm animal activities. There are inherent risks of injury that I voluntarily accept if I participate in this activity.  
KRS 247.4027

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Stallion Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Horse Owner / Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant the host organization, Operation Gelding and its representatives the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs of me and/or my horse for educational, advertising and promotional purpose in connection with Operation Gelding. I hereby release Operational Gelding, the host organization, clinic sponsors, and their representatives from all claims and liability relating to said photographs.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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