



USEFUL RESOURCES FOR HORSE OWNERS

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Horse Facility & Land Management

Healthy Horses, Clean Water: A Guide to Environmentally Friendly Horsekeeping for King County Equine Businesses, by Horses for Clean Water. Provides information and recommendations on commercial horse farm management including how to reduce mud, manage manure, increase pasture productivity and control insects. Developed specifically for King County commercial horse farm owners, this manual includes a detailed section on resources, contact lists as well as information on laws. Copies are available in the King County Library system.

Healthy Horses, Clean Water: A Guide to Environmentally Friendly Horsekeeping in Western Washington, by Horses for Clean Water. Sections on mud, manure, pasture, and wildlife management with detailed lists of resources, laws & more. Produced specifically for non-commercial horseowners in King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties of Puget Sound. Copies of this manual are available in the King, Snohomish, Mt Vernon and Whatcom library systems. You can download it for free from the PSWQAT website at http://www.wa.gov/puget_sound/Programs/Agriculture.htm.

Horsekeeping on a Small Acreage: Designing and Managing Your Equine Facilities by Cherry Hill. This newly revised and updated addition is the "Bible" of horse facility design and management. Includes information on understanding horses, designing a horse facility for your land, and general considerations as well as designs for horse barns and other facilities. An excellent reference tool!

Horse Housing, by Richard Klimesh and Cherry Hill. How to Plan, Build and Remodel Barns and Sheds. This is their latest & greatest book by Cherry Hill and her husband/farrier/photographer Richard Klimesh. This book is fun to read or just look through the pictures -- the "coffee table" book of horse farms!

Horse Industry Handbook, by the American Horse Youth Council, 4093 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY, 80511-8434, (606) 259-2742. This notebook contains units on many facets of horse management and the horse industry as well as a unit on horse facilities. Materials are authored by university instructors and reviewed by a panel of additional instructors and equine experts.

Horse Health & Management

Horse Health Care, a step-by-step photographic guide, by Cherry Hill

Riding, Horse Behavior & Understanding Horses

Riding for the Rest of Us, by Dr. Jessica Jahiel. Dr. Jahiel is an international clinician, trainer and author who teaches and trains according to classical dressage principles. Her program, Holistic Horsemanship(R), encourages a "holistic" approach to understanding and working with horses. Her techniques encompass all breeds and disciplines emphasizing communication between horse and rider.

The United States Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship, by Susan Harris

Think Harmony with Horses, by Ray Hunt

True Unity, by Tom Dorrance

Imprint Training, by Robert Miller, DVM

Horsewatching, by Desmond Morris

Becoming an Effective Rider, by Cherry Hill

Horse Sense for the Trail Rider by Melinda Codling & published by Back Country Horseman of Washington, Inc, Tahoma Chapter. An excellent safety book with humorous, well-done drawings. Copies can be ordered for \$10 plus \$2.50 shipping from Horse Sense, PO Box 191, Hobart, WA, 98025.

Horse Business Related

Equine Law and Horse Sense, by Julie Fershtman, an attorney specializing in equine law
Legal Forms, Contracts and Advise for Horse Owners, by Sue Ellen Marder, includes lease agreements

Native Plants, Naturescaping & Plants Toxic to Horses

Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast, by Pojar & MacKinnon
Northwest Trees, by Arno & Hammerly
Noah's Garden, restoring the ecology of our own back yards, by Sara Stein
Weeds of the West, WSU Cooperative Extension
Horse Owner's Field Guide to Toxic Plants, by Sandra Burger
Living with Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest, by Russell Link. This excellent book is written by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's urban biologist. Contact them at 425-775-1311 to purchase it.

Wonderful Horsey Readings

Grass Beyond the Mountains, by Richmond P. Hobson
Smokey the Cowhorse, by Will James

Memberships

Membership in local horse clubs is a great way to learn more about places to ride, upcoming events & other things of interest to the horse community.

Your local chapter of Back Country Horseman works hard to improve trails and camp sites in our beautiful wilderness areas and back country. <http://www.backcountryhorse.com/>

Horse Supplies

There are many catalogue and Internet companies that supply horse care & farm products:

Stateline Tack, 1-800-228-9208, www.StatelineTack.com
Valley Vet Supply, 1-800-533-3377, <http://www.valleyvet.com/>
Jeffers, <http://www.jeffersequine.com/ssc/>

Agencies

Many agencies and groups work with rural landowners and livestock owners providing education & technical assistance.

Conservation Districts work with farmers and livestock owners on natural resource issues including pasture, manure and mud management as well as stream restoration projects. Some of the free services your CD may offer include individualized farm plans, education, technical assistance and native tree sales. Locate your conservation district using an Internet search with your county's name and the words "conservation district."

Extension, associated with your state's land grant university, can provide information on horse management as well as programs such as Livestock Advisors, Master Gardener, Master Composter or other education. Extension offers many excellent educational handouts and bulletins at a low cost, as well as assistance and education.

Most counties have a **weed control program** that can help with identification and control options. Many counties (with forests) offer **forestry assistance**.

Horses for Clean Water, a program run and supported by horse owners. HCW offers educational materials, courses & individual consultations on ways to care for and manage your horse & facilities, with an emphasis on environmentally friendly techniques. www.HorsesforCleanWater.com.