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AHC Comments on America's Great Outdoors Initiative

On April 16, 2010, President Obama launched the America's Great Outdoors Initiative (AGO). A central part of the initiative was an effort to collect the view points of Americans. In September, the American Horse Council submitted comments to the Administration concerning the equestrian community's connection to America's private and public land.

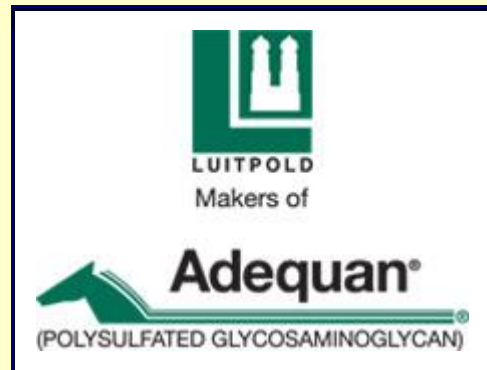
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Benefits for Horse Industry in Small Business Stimulus Bill

President Obama signed the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 into law on September 27, 2010. The bill is intended to help small businesses and create new jobs. The bill continues the bigger write-off for horses and other property purchased and placed in service by a horse business that were originally included in earlier stimulus bills. [Read More](#)

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Legend is Moving On....

The AHC would not be the organization that it is today without the support of the horse industry, its members, and its dedicated staff. So it is with mixed emotions that the American Horse Council announces that its long time Director of Administration Kathie Luedeke will be retiring at the end of December 2010 after more than thirty five years of service. [Read More](#)

Update on Animal Identification

The Equine Species Working Group (ESWG), which includes over thirty equine associations, continues to evaluate the new Animal Disease Traceability Program (ADTP) and its potential affect on the horse industry. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the ADTP last February in place of the formerly proposed National Animal Identification System (NAIS). [Read More](#)

Unwanted Horse Coalition Launches Operation Gelding Program

The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) has initiated Operation Gelding. The new UHC program will provide funds and materials to assist organizations, associations and events that wish to sponsor clinics to which horse owners can bring their stallions to be castrated. A number of associations have sponsored such clinics and the UHC wants to help more organizations, associations and events get involved in this effort. [Read More](#)

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Immigration Reform and the Lame Duck

The Democratic Congressional leadership has indicated that immigration reform might be on the agenda for a “lame duck” session of Congress after the November elections. [Read More](#)

More Endorse AHC's Welfare Code

The American Riding Instructors Association, International Walking Horse Association and the Texas Quarter Horse Association are the latest organizations to endorse the Welfare Code of Practice. [Read More](#)

Unwanted Horse Coalition Materials Available

The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) continues its efforts to educate the industry about the issues relating to unwanted horses and owning responsibly. The UHC has prepared and distributed a variety of materials that will educate horse owners on various topics. [Read More and See UHC Materials](#)

House Committee Acts on Internet Gambling Bill

On July 29, the House Financial Services Committee reported out the Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection and Enforcement Act. This legislation would authorize Internet wagering with federally-



licensed operators. The bill was introduced by Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), chairman of the committee. [Read More](#)

AHC Focuses on Impact of Equine Diseases

The American Horse Council's National Issues Forum in June focused on infectious equine diseases and the impact those diseases have on our horses' welfare and our industry's viability. Since the forum the AHC, other industry groups, and State and Federal animal health officials have continued to build upon that discussion and progress. [Read More](#)

2010 Horse Owners And Breeders Tax Handbook Coming Soon!

The 2006 Horse Owners And Breeders Tax Handbook has sold out. The 2010 Edition of the Horse Owners And Breeders Tax Handbook will be available in the coming months. If you would like a copy (or copies) held for you, please send your name, phone, email, and number of copies desired via email to ahc@horsecouncil.org.
