



# NEW MEXICO HORSE COUNCIL

## About Project Gelding

NMHC sponsors a voucher program to provide financial assistance to horse owners for castration of their stallions. The people who qualify for this program may be “backyard” horse owners, accustomed to owning horses without really understanding their needs, or small breeders. Lack of space or facilities for separating stallions and mares, or excess stallions or colts not needed in a breeding program are common situations.

The increasing cost of hay may mean that an owner or breeder has not been able to successfully estimate the cost of care for their horses and may not be able to afford castration of colt foals as they are maturing. Non-castrated colts may not be easily sold as stallions, or their conformation or pedigree may not qualify them as breeding prospects.

Project Gelding is a program for any stallion that needs castration and whose owners do not have the financial means but are willing to have this done with assistance. Generally, stallions need to be between the ages of 4 months and 5 years of age and in good health with current immunizations. The best time to castrate is in spring or fall when flies are not present. Veterinarians will determine eligibility of owners and stallions, and can apply for a voucher to cover \$100 of the cost of castration.

Contact your veterinarian to make arrangements for castration. Thank you for your interest in this much needed program in the state of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

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