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Abused and Neglected Horses Get Help Through Winter

Omaha, NE - A jump in neglected and abused animal cases in recent years has KMTV Action 3 News asking why and non-profit agencies like Hooves and Paws rescue asking for more help.

A white Leopard Appaloosa with black spots can only see in one eye. Hooves and Paws rescued Annabelle after her owner beat her head with a board. Stories like this motivate the Chance Ridge Veterinary Clinic to help. "Anything we collect in these months, we're going to use for hay," said Hooves and Paws Rescue organizer Genea Stoops.

Raising money through a horse show, silent auction and raffle. Nearly 100 riders and fans trot out to show their support. "Helping her out to make sure they get through the winter is awesome," said Chance Ridge Veterinary Clinic's Sheri Savig.

Over the last year or two there's been a big jump in horse abuse cases leaves KMTV Action 3 News questioning why? "The abuse has been for years and years but the violence seems to be worse now," said Stoops.

Ultimately, Hooves and Paws Rescue doesn't know why the surge in abused and neglected animals. But by the alarming increase in emergency calls, organizers hope whatever the reason, it's fixed soon. "We think because of the economy. There are those who are just not feeding them because they don't have the funds to do so. But we need them to call us before it gets to that point," said Stoops.

If you donate, Hooves and Paws Rescue will personally pick up the food from you.

<http://www.hoovespaws.org/>

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