

## HOOVES AND PAWS SEARCHING FOR HOMES FOR ABANDONED HORSES



(Glenwood) -- Dogs and cats aren't the only animals abandoned along roadsides these days.

A Mills County animal rescue organization is trying to find new homes for horses abandoned over the past two weeks. Bill and Genea (Gina) Stoops are co-owners of Hooves and Paws Rescue. Genea Stoops tells KMA News the first incident involved horses left in a trailer following an accident off of Interstate 29 near the Bellevue exit. Stoops says both the trailer and the vehicle pulling it were abandoned. Two other horses were found abandoned near Pacific Junction a few days later.

Stoops says abandoned horses are becoming a common occurrence. Over the past two years, Stoops says horses have been found at boarding facilities or in pastures. Stoops cites the rough economy as the reason for the increased abandonments.

Having to take care of lost horses and large dogs is a major expense for Stoop's organization. Stoops says the horses rescued recently were in need of medical attention. For example, one of the horses found in the trailer was injured after smashing through the window. That's why Hooves and Paws are looking for new homes for the horses. Anyone with questions about adopting the horses should contact Hooves and Paws at 712-527-3721 or the organization's [website](#).

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