

**What It Cost To Run Hooves & Paws Rescue, Inc.**  
**"A Place To Heal"**  
**In Glenwood, IA**  
**We Are A No Kill Rescue & Shelter**  
**For Horses & Large Breed Dogs**

We are asked on a regular basis, what does it cost to run Hooves & Paws Rescue, Inc.? We would like to share with you just a few of the cost so that everyone will understand why donations are so important in the work we do. There are many of our cost not listed below. With the work we do there always seems to be things that come up that we are not ready for. And because of that we have a business plan and budget. It is not always easy to stay within our budget due to the number of animals we care for. But we stretch our donations as far as possible. We try to keep an emergency fund for Vet bills that come up but again, this is not always possible. Vet bills are one of our biggest cost and many times these cost are unknown when animals come into our facility. Each animal is different and because we deal with horses & large breed dogs the cost are very high to provide Vet care for them.

\$4.50 Will buy one small square bale of hay for the horses - We feed an average of (10) small square bales per day. This varies when our number of horses are higher at our facility. We usually try to feed only small square bales to our sick, mini's and older horses. These horses need a more controlled feeding schedule.

\$10.00 Will buy one tube of horse dewormer - All of our horses are wormed every three months - New rescued horses brought in are dewormed several times until worm free.

\$15.00 - \$18.00 Will buy one bag of horse or senior feed - We average  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a bag of each per day.

\$15.00 Will buy one bag of bedding for one horse stall - Each horse that is sick or needs to eat alone is put in a stall. Stalls are cleaned twice a day and the bedding is replaced.

\$15.00 Will buy one large bag of dog treats - These are used for training and rewards.

\$20.00 Will buy one pitchfork to clean the horse stalls.

\$20.00 Will provide heartworm pills for one month for one large breed dog - These are given year round to all of our rescued large breed dogs to avoid any possible problems.

\$25.00 - 30.00 Will buy one 50 lb bag of large breed dog food - We average 50 lbs every three days.

\$30.00 Will cover the cost of farrier care for one horse - Our Farrier comes every six weeks for all the horses in our care. Many of our horses come in with hooves in terrible shape so this takes more farrier visits until they can walk without pain. Every six weeks we average \$500.00 in farrier services.

\$75.00 Will buy one round bale of hay for the horses - A round bale is between 1,200 - 1,700 lbs. One round bale, free feeding will last about three days depending on the size we buy and the number of horses feeding during that time frame.

\$100.00 Will provide the initial Vet check up and shots for new rescued dogs brought into our facility - Each dog that arrives is taken to be Vet checked and receives all of their shots including rabies & kennel cough due to the number of dogs we take in.

\$150.00 To \$200.00 Will spay or neuter one large breed dog - All dogs brought into our facility are altered. We get no discounts on any Vet care provided to any of large breed dogs or horses.

Gas Cards in any amount will provide gas for us to transport sick, abused or unwanted horses and large breed dogs to our facility or to our foster homes. Gas cards will also help us when we drive to check on animals that we have been called on that have been abused or neglected. Many times we drive hundreds of miles per week due to rescue issues. We work with the Sheriff's Department in many areas on a regular basis and we are called several times a week to assist them with abuse and neglect cases.

Vet Services - Any amount is appreciated to help with our spring check ups for our rescued horses - This included their yearly shots and floating their teeth (dental care) as needed. If a horse has bad teeth they will lose weight. Spring check ups for the horses averages \$1,800 each spring.

Dog & Horse Training Cost - Any amount is appreciated to help with the cost associated with training both our dogs and horses. We work with each animal that comes into our facility to make them more adoptable. Many have fear and aggression issues due to the abuse and neglect they have suffered. At times due to the number of animals we care for we need to send a few of them to our dog or horse trainers. We both work full time jobs so at times we just simply run out of hours in the day and we need a helping hand and use our trainers. This allows these animals to be adopted sooner and leaves a spot open for others who need a place to call home until healed inside and out.

Rock is needed for our driveway and the horses area where we pull our horse trailers in and out. We also use rock in the area we pull our hay trailers in so they do not sink into the ground due to the weight of the trailers and the hay. Without rock in these areas it becomes very dangerous moving hay and loading our horses. This is a huge expense for us. Last year we spent just at \$2,000.00 on rock.

Last year we spent just at 49K to provide food, vet care and shelter for our rescued horses and large breed dogs. Of that, we paid out of pocket 22K of the cost associated with the animals we rescued and cared for.

100% of your donations are used to care for the animals we rescue. We have no paid employees at Hooves & Paws Rescue. We do have a few volunteers, but many times volunteers find the work we do here is very hard physically and emotionally so it is hard to keep volunteers that come back on a regular basis.

Please Keep In Mind...If we do not receive donations we still must care for the animals, feed them, provide shelter for them and give them the proper Vet care needed. We are very thankful for the donations we receive and we pray each day to be able to continue the work we do. Your donations, large and small all add up and they help us keep our doors open. Without your support the work we do at Hooves & Paws Rescue would not be possible so again, we thank you so much for your kindness & support!

We will continue the work we do saving those who need a place to heal and call home until adopted as long as you allow us to.