



## UHC Operation Gelding – VOUCHER Program Voucher Guidelines

*The UHC Operation Gelding program was developed to encourage horse owners to castrate their stallions and assist those who do not have the financial means to do so. The program is not intended for breeders or commercial operations. This form must be submitted to the UHC, and approval granted, prior to the castration(s). Submission of an application does not guarantee funding will be awarded. The UHC will notify you and your veterinarian of a decision within 10 business days.*

### ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) Any horse owner that needs financial assistance toward castrating their stallion(s).
- 2) Any animal control agency or 501c3 rescue organization that has secured ownership of seized or surrendered stallions. Horses being held during active court cases, but still legally belong to the owner, cannot be gelded using this program.

### GUIDELINES:

- 1) There are separate applications for horse owners and organizations. Please submit the correct form.
- 2) Applications must be received and approved by the UHC prior to the castration(s). Submission of an application does not guarantee funding. The UHC will notify the applicant and the veterinarian of a decision within 10 business days.
- 3) All male equines on the property must be gelded or slated to be gelded through this program to qualify. If you have more than two stallions on the property, contact the UHC for instructions.
- 4) For all approved applications, the UHC will provide \$100 for a standard castration or \$200 toward a cryptorchid procedure as long as funds are available.
- 5) Forms with a unique voucher ID will be mailed directly to the veterinarian once approved. The veterinarian should be in receipt of the approval letter before scheduling or conducting the procedure. It is the owner's responsibility to schedule the appointment.
- 6) Once approved, the voucher should be used within 90 days. One 30-day extension will be granted if a request is submitted in writing.
- 7) Veterinarians must submit required documentation (veterinary statement) along with a copy of voucher to the UHC after the castration procedure for payment. Checks are printed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. **All reimbursement checks for the procedures are made out to the vet that performed the procedure.**

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Thank you! The Operation Gelding program is successful because of the commitment of veterinarians around the country to caring for and reducing the number of unwanted horses. We value our partnership, and the UHC welcomes your feedback.

Contact the UHC Director at 202-846-1607 or [afurst@horsecouncil.org](mailto:afurst@horsecouncil.org) if you have questions about the Operation Gelding Program or application procedures.