



**Equus Survival Trust
EST- ACTION ALERT
March 3, 2012**



Mountain Pleasure Horses at the West Liberty Fairgrounds 2010

TORNADOES DEVASTATE EASTERN KY and RARE BREED HORSE FARMS

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Eastern Kentucky was hit hard by a series of deadly tornadoes on Friday, March 2nd, 2012. Hundreds of homes, businesses, and farms have been destroyed or severely damaged. Human and animal lives have been lost; many more have been injured or left homeless.



Dozens of breeders of the endangered Mountain Pleasure Horse have been affected by this devastating string of tornadoes that ripped through their normally quiet rural communities. The Town of West Liberty in Morgan County, a county stronghold for this critically endangered breed, was leveled, as were other nearby communities such as the town of Ezel.

Breeders have lost horses, homes, barns, equipment, truck, trailers, fencing, hay and feed. Others need a place to put horses while they sort out the future. Neighbors are overwhelmed, attempting to cope with helping each other. In the short term, safe pastures or stables are needed, and donations of hay and feed to collect and distribute. Long-term care may require much the same, in addition to generating funds or donations to replace equipment to harvest hay for the coming winter.

Listed as *Critical* by the Equus Survival Trust, the Mountain Pleasure Horse, a.k.a. Appalachian Purebred Gaited Horse, is an American breed that originated during the early statehood of KY some 200 years ago. More than 80% of this critical-breed's population resides in Eastern Kentucky, now the seat of violent tornado devastation.

THE MOUNTAIN PLEASURE HORSES and other RARE BREEDS NEED YOUR HELP! DESPERATE FOR DONATIONS - FUNDS, HAY, STABLE ITEMS, and SERVICES

The Equus Survival Trust has set up a KY EST RELIEF FUND to address this urgent need. Please consider a donation of any amount. Cash will buy what is needed most. Donations of hay or pelleted feed, stable items such as halters, leads, buckets, grooming supplies, and heavy equipment from farm tractors, hay equipment, to horse trailers, or services such as hauling horses, housing horses, wormers, vet care, etc are all needed and welcome.



Owner and puppies amid wreckage

CASH DONATIONS can be made quickly and easily via PayPal on the Equus Survival Trust website. All funds will be earmark and spent for the KY Equus Survival Trust RELIEF FUND.

"Even the smallest gesture of hope can make a difference."



BEFORE: Main Street West Liberty, KY

AFTER: Main Street West Liberty, KY

If you have friends or family who might be interested in helping these precious horses and breeders through this disaster, you can help by forwarding this message to them or our link.

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God Bless!