

## **Old Horses in Winter**

Horse owners; please be mindful of the cold temperatures that are upon us. Horses that are old and thin need more attention at this time year. Along with their normal care, they need shelter and possibly a winter blanket to help stay warm in the cold, wet and windy weather. Fresh hay for them to munch on at night will help keep them warm. Horses must have a source of fresh water. Maybe a little salt sprinkled in their feed will help them to drink more on cold days. Skinny horses do not have any fat to insulate them from the cold, so you can help if you do these simple things. Remember, humane care is having an end plan when it is time. Finding an old horse, that can't get up, down in the mud on a freezing, rainy night happens too often.

Let's help keep these horses warm this winter.

Thank you,

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