

Horses across Texas need help

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society President and Executive Director Dr. Jennifer Williams says that the conditions are dire for horses across the state of Texas.

"I've been involved in rescue since 1998 and have faced many challenges, but 2011 is the most challenging year I've faced. The drought has made grass non-existent and hay is nearly impossible to find," she said.

"We're receiving more neglect reports than usual, we're turning away people who want to donate horses they cannot afford to keep, and we're unable to help starving, abused and abandoned horses when sheriff's departments call."

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society is a nonprofit rescue organization that works across the state of Texas to get help for starving, abused, neglected and abandoned horses. The group primarily works with law enforcement agencies to investigate reports of neglect, educate the owners when possible and remove, rehabilitate and rehome the horses when necessary.

The drought means that there's no grass available for

grazing and little hay has been grown in Texas this year. The cost of hay has more than doubled in most areas, and Williams says this is why fewer people are fostering and adopting than she's seen in years. However there are more horses in need to-

day than ever before, and Williams believes this will only continue to get worse.

Bluebonnet is looking for adopters to give permanent homes to their horses, and they're waiving the adoption fees on over 25 horses in an attempt to help them find

new homes.

For more information about adopting, fostering, donating or volunteering, please contact Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society at <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org>, info@bluebonnetequine.org or 888.542.5163.