

Seized horses put up for adoption

**(KNZA)--The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is offering forty-two horses seized from a farm near Hoyt last year for adoption.**

**The Sheriff's Office posted a notice on its web site July 7 and sent a release to the media about offering the horses for placement into forever homes.**

**Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported Friday that his office had received more than 70 inquiries so far into adopting the horses.**

**The horses were seized on two occasions last year after it was reported that the horses owner, Franklin Johnson, had not giving them adequate care.**

**Johnson was found guilty in February of 45 counts of cruelty to animals in two separate cases following a bench trial and placed on two years probation.**

**He appealed the sentence and following a second bench trial in April was found guilty on two counts of animal cruelty contained in an amended complaint.**

**K-HEART, the Kansas Horse Education, Advocacy and Resource Team, is assisting the sheriff's office with the adoption process.**

**K-HEART will be interviewing and "pre-vetting" the applicants for adoption of the horses over the next few weeks.**

**The deadline for applications is August 10.**

**For more information on the horses up for adoption, along with the adoption process, you can go to the Jackson County Sheriff Office's [web site](#).**

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