

# KDCTA HOOFBEATS

## **SURVEY ASKS: What is your biggest horse care concern in the winter months?**

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### **Responses:**

- Dealing with ice!
- Ice! I use gravel and ashes to throw around where the horses congregate the most but it's impossible to cover their entire field.
- Hydration. We all worry about hydration in the summer, but in winter it is important to make sure horses are also drinking enough water to reduce risk of colic. I add a scoop of loose granular mineral supplement to their feed in all seasons, in addition to having salt block in the paddocks. My horses are all in separate paddocks with their own troughs, rather than automatic waterers, which is less convenient at times, but I am able to notice if water consumption changes drastically.