

Cruelty officers from the Alliston & District Humane Society (ADHS) have been monitoring a herd of Tennessee Walking Horses in Adjala-Tosorontio for the past three years. The condition of the herd has been deteriorating. Things came to a head when the owners were not able to provide the basic necessities and comply with orders written under the OSPCA act.

On the recommendation of a veterinarian, the herd of 31 horses was seized by the ADHS Friday, February 19, with assistance from OSPCA officers from Newmarket, Orangeville and Barrie branches.

Under the OSPCA act, officers can remove animals when distress cannot be relieved at the present location.

The herd was relocated where they will be monitored and cared for.

Jerry Higgins, cruelty officer for ADHS stated that although this is a costly venture for the ADHS it had to be done to save the horses.

Court cases can be quite a lengthy process, as with the Forbes case involving the dead cattle on the 7th line of New Tecumseth which is still before the courts.

Feeding and caring for 31 horses will be a serious financial burden for the ADHS and comes at a difficult time as in April the building of the long awaited animal shelter commences.

Financial donations to help the horses may be mailed to: the Alliston & District Humane Society, Box 378, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0 or online at www.allistonhumane.com. Charitable donation receipts can be issued on amounts of \$10 or more.

Donations of hay also gratefully accepted. Volunteers will be needed to feed and water the horses and do general farm labour. Please call 705-458-9038 and leave a message in the adoption mailbox if you can help.