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# Horse rescue in desperate need of hay

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VALLEY CENTER, Kan. (KAKE) - Dawn Gresham volunteers for Hope in The Valley, a nonprofit that saves abused and neglected horses.

"These horses are therapy. They'll never judge you. They'll never talk about you behind your back," Gresham said.

But lately times have been tough. The price of hay to feed the horses has skyrocketed.

"It's not just affecting us. It's affecting the cattle farmers. It's affecting anyone with livestock," Gresham said.

Normally the shelter houses 65 horses. Now, it's had to cut down to just 44.

"We simply can't feed what we have, let alone take in any more horses," Gresham said.

Gresham said hay is hard to find in Kansas because of a drought this spring and also a late freeze.

"We got a call today from a farmer in Ohio. We just don't have the means to purchase that amount of hay and get it shipped here because it's expensive. It's expensive to ship 35-50 bales of hay on the back of a semi," Gresham said.

The rescue said typically during this time of the year their land is full of hay bales, but they've been left with hardly any.

This summer Hope in The Valley had to ship in some hay from Maryland, but it's not enough to last the rest of the year.

"The fact that we can't help them breaks my heart," Gresham said.

Gresham said soon they'll have to start feeding grain if more hay can't be found.

If you're interested in donating to Hope in the Valley, give them a call at (316) 519-4129 or visit their [website](#).

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