

What is a *welfare concern?*

A horse sick pasture

- **Soil is compacted** due to constant trampling of hooves.
- If a field is **over grazed and over stocked** and there is very little grass. Bare areas of soil. The grass never gets a rest period to recover.
- **Weeds are growing** in clumps; it prevents grass growth in that area and horses will be encouraged to eat them.
- Gateways and watering areas are likely to be **bare** in the summer and **wet and poached** in the winter.
- Chance of **worm infestation** is high as they eat closer to the unremoved droppings.
- **Piles of droppings** in areas where grass grows but horses don't eat it.

Some owners will be following veterinary guidance of restricted grazing due to weight related issues. Additional forage may be added to compensate for the lack of grazing

