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**Organisation if applicable** Opotiki Pony Club & Opotiki Show jumping group

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**Support or oppose** Oppose

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**Reasons for support or oppose** Hi I'm wanting to propose a de sexing program for colts one year old and under for free to the horse owner of a town grazed horse. We are currently in the mares heat cycle for the next 3/4 months and they carry for just over 11 months legally on 1st August it is horses birthday. So this could be something done now to bring numbers of off spring in town for next year down. But would need to be on going for up to 5 years to take full effect. I've contacted local vet Chris Peterson and he will do the castrations and vaccines for a heavily discounted fee of \$400 per horse instead of \$550 - the younger they are the cheaper the procedure as less drugs used to sedate them. I've contacted the Rodeo chair Warren Watson to ask permission for there facility to do the procedures and they will get back to me after a meeting on Monday night. Chris said he would need a minimum of 5 horses to come over and do them when needed. There could be up to 20 colts in town - will not know true number until made public. We want to support good horse owners in town and another suggestion made by my Show jumping chair Carol Wilson is to have a town horse registration with a microchip and the microchip will help reinforce good ownership and allow animal control to police the horses owned or not owned. We have a huge problem down at our grounds with excessive amounts of free grazing horses that break into the rodeo grounds to break there horses in and reck the grounds not only with the horses but there vehicles and motor bikes. I talked to Gerard and he said a video camera could help lessen this helping which I think is a great idea. There are a lot of people that dump rubbish over the stock bank as well which would help prevent this happening. It would be great to hear back what you think and we as a horse group will be willing to support any changes that can help make is issue of over horsing our community with better role modelling and help solve the problem within those horse owners. Thanks

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**Wants to Speak to submission/feedback** Yes

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