

## Guidelines For Equine Rescue and Retirement Facilities

In order to provide guidance to non-veterinarians at equine rescue and retirement facilities regarding the care of a horse throughout its life, the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) has developed the following care guidelines. Rescue and retirement facilities play a vital role in providing lifelong care and/or finding new owners for horses that may be considered “unwanted” or have been subjected to neglect or abuse. The AAEP recognizes and commends the important services these facilities provide to the horses and individuals who benefit from their work. While many principles of basic horse care and management apply to all horses, regardless of their situation, those horses entering rescue or retirement facilities may arrive with unique health challenges. For this reason, employees and volunteers should be experienced in basic horse care and understand the health conditions that require medical attention from a veterinarian. Equine veterinarians play an important role in the care of the animals at rescue and retirement facilities and can offer valuable advice on many aspects of horse care. It is important that facilities establish a good relationship with an equine veterinarian.

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