

## HABITAT FOR HORSES

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### EQUINE DONATION POLICY

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**1.0 Policy** It is the policy of Habit for Horses, Inc. and Lone Star Equine Rescue (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization") to accept donations of equines from their owners. This Policy is designed to provide guidelines for accepting equines into the Organization's foster and adoption programs.

**2.0 Procedure** The Organization accepts equine donations from owners who are unable to provide a home for the equine for any reason, other than as stipulated in this section, paragraph 5.

- 1) **Donation Fee** The Organization requests a minimum donation of \$300 when donating the equine. This donation may be waived by the Officers of the Organization.
- 2) **Equine Medical Records** The Organization requires a copy of the equine's veterinarian records (including vaccinations, Coggins and any other veterinary procedures performed) for a minimum of the past twelve months before being accepted. When the equine is donated, the donor must sign an Equine Donation Contract turning over all rights to the donated equine and transferring ownership of the equine to the Organization.
- 3) **Coggins** The Organization requires that all donated equines have a current negative Coggins certificate. If donation of the equine is solicited by an officer or director of the Organization, the donor may request reimbursement for the cost of the Coggins test once the equine is donated to the Organization. The donor must have a receipt of the cost of the Coggins from the veterinarian who drew the test. Or, if an equine, whose donation was solicited by an officer or director of the Organization, does not have a current negative Coggins, the Organization may, at the officer's discretion, accept the equine as a donation and immediately transport the equine to a veterinarian's office for a Coggins test.
- 4) **Veterinary Evaluation.** The Organization will require a veterinary evaluation if the equine has foundered, has ERU (moonblindness), exhibits signs of EPM or other neurological diseases or disorders before accepting the equine into the foster or adoption programs.
- 5) **Unaccepted Equines.** Equines that are completely blind or have EIA will not be accepted into the foster or adoption programs.
- 6) **Refusal of Donation.** The Organization may refuse donation of an equine for any reason at any time until the equine is officially in the care of an approved foster home.
- 7) **Euthanasia.** The Organization may, at the discretion of the Officers, accept an equine donation and immediately have the equine euthanized by a licensed veterinarian.

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