



Minimum Standards of Equine Care

The following guidelines are applicable to general equine management practices as set by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and are required of all persons adopting or fostering an equine from Wild For Life Foundation. While not comprehensive, these guidelines offer basic parameters for responsible equine ownership. The number of equines should never exceed the ability of the adopter/ foster to feed and care for them properly. Such limits are dependent not only upon the physical health of the individual but also the financial ability to maintain proper management. In addition, any individual keeping equines must comply with all relevant state and local laws.

_____ General Management Practices

Various types of enclosure are available to confine equines, including, but not limited to: stalls, dry lots or pastures. In addition, equines shall be provided sufficient opportunity and space to exercise daily and have freedom of movement as necessary to reduce stress and maintain good physical condition. Space and provisions for exercise shall be appropriate for the age, condition and size of the equine.

Group pasturing of compatible equines to allow social interaction is encouraged. If equines are individually stalled, they must be able to make visual contact with other equines, unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian for the safety of the equine in question or other equines at the facility.

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Facility Requirements

The following are requirements in order to adopt or foster an equine, however, all will be considered on a case-by-case basis:

A - Pasture

A minimum of half-acre pasture per equine pastured. Exceptions may be considered in those cases where the equine will be maintained at a boarding facility, or rescue/ recovery facility.

B - Shelter

A recommended 12x12 foot shelter per standard size equine in barn with turnout or pasture; or a three-sided run-in shelter with a recommended 12x12 feet shelter per equine in pasture, however, the minimum acceptable shelter is 10.5X10.5 foot or run-in area per standard size equine.

Equines shall be provided with shelter that gives protection from extreme weather including but not limited to: prevailing wind, snow, sleet, rain, sun, and temperature extremes. Stalls and shelters shall be constructed to provide sufficient space for each equine to turn around, lie down, and move freely and to allow free air flow. Shelters may be constructed to have removable sides during the summer. All enclosures, stalls and/or shelters shall be kept in good repair and free of standing water, accumulated waste, sharp objects and debris. If the barn or shelter is metal, the exposed metal on the inside of the stall and/or shelter shall be covered with ¾" -1" plywood or 2"x6" boards. There should be no exposed nails or other protruding or sharp objects that could potentially cause injury to the equine.

C - Water

The care provider shall provide troughs or individual water sources to offer adequate and clean water for all equines. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and free of hazardous contaminants and be positioned or affixed to minimize spillage. Use of defroster to prevent freezing in inclement weather is recommended. Equines that are being trained, worked, ridden or transported shall be provided water as often as necessary for their health and comfort. Frequency of watering shall take into consideration the age, condition and size of the equine, activity level and climatic conditions.

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D - Feed and Storage

Equines shall receive at a minimum the equivalent of 3% of their body weight per day in high quality forage and grain. If natural forage is insufficient in quality or quantity, quality hay representative of choice grasses in the local area shall supplement the diet. Diet shall be planned with consideration for the age, condition, size, and activity level of the equine. If more than one animal is fed at the same place and time, it shall be the responsibility of the care provider to ensure that each equine receives nutrition in sufficient quantity. If necessary, equines shall be separated to ensure each has access to adequate nutrition without interference from more dominant equine. Individual feed buckets or pans should be provided for each equine. All storage and feeding receptacles shall be kept clean and free of contaminants, such as feces, mold, mildew, rodents and insects. Stored feed shall be kept in such a manner that equines cannot gain access to it.

E – Fencing

Fencing shall be of solid construction, without sharp edges and visible to equines; electric fencing is acceptable. The use of barbed wire fencing is unacceptable in any area of five or less acres or along any side of any area directly adjacent to or separating equines from one another. Use of electric wire may preclude the barbed wire provision. All t-posts shall be appropriately capped when used as cross fencing to separate pastures, along any fence line adjacent to another equine property or/and property that is less than five acres. Fencing shall be monitored on a regular basis to ensure its safety and effectiveness is maintained.

_____ Vaccinations, Dental Care, Hoof Care, Worming and Coggins

Equine animals are not to be stabled, boarded or pastured within 100 yards of equine belonging to another person. Yearly vaccinations are required. Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Rhino, Tetanus, Rabies, West Nile and any other inoculations your veterinarian recommends for endemic diseases are mandatory. Teeth must be kept in good condition and should be checked by a licensed veterinarian annually. All equine must be kept on a regular de-worming program as approved by a licensed Veterinarian. Proper hoof care is required to be done as often as necessary to maintain sound hooves. _____

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Maintaining Health

All equines must be maintained in weight and condition as described by the Henneke Scoring System between Moderate (5) and Fleshy (7) unless under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. Cuts, sores and illnesses which normal animal husbandry practices would require veterinarian care must be attended to immediately by a licensed veterinarian and or a professionally trained care provider as approved by a licensed veterinarian.

_____ Gelding

All studs shall be gelded as soon as possible unless, under the advice of a licensed veterinarian, such gelding would cause harm to the equine due to age or health.

I, _____ have read and accept the terms, conditions and above-stated regulations that pertain to my acceptance and placement of the equine.

Signature of Adoption/ Foster Applicant

Date

I, _____ have read and accept the terms, conditions and above-stated regulations that pertain to my acceptance and placement of the equine.

Signature of Adoption/ Foster Co-Applicant

Date

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