



Intake Policy

Intake of equines into HERO's care, custody and control is on a case-by-case basis considered by the Board of Directors. We are a small organization that can provide temporary housing to equines requiring special needs care for nutritional support, wounds and or hoof issues. Once under our care we will have our veterinarians assess each animal on an individual basis and will follow care directions from that health care professional. We strive to stabilize each animal and get them in a direction of soundness, healing and healthiness. Once the animal's health is stabilized, we evaluate further to determine foster or adoption placement. Our evaluation process includes behavior, rideability, companion or need for training. We strive to place our animals in the best situation that suits THEIR needs. It is our hope that we can place them in their lifelong homes. At this time HERO can only house equines on a provisional basis.

Upon request by law enforcement or Animal Control and Board of Directors approval, HERO volunteers will assist in the investigation, seizure of neglected or abused horses as needed. This assistance includes, but is not limited to;

- Physically visiting the property with law enforcement to assess the situation and provide expertise;
- Agreeing to supervise and educate the owners so they can improve the condition of the equines;
- Assisting during seizure, including but not limited to catching/penning horses, cataloging and documenting the condition of the horses on seizure, loading and trailering the horses, working with vets and farriers on site, and media;
- Assist in taking possession and providing short-term holding until law enforcement can find a more permanent solution. Offer our foster and temporary home network to see if spaces are available. HERO is NOT a long-term care facility or a sanctuary; we cannot house the animals longer than a 30-day period.
- Assisting with fundraising efforts to provide care for the seized equines, provide medical care and assist in providing veterinary services as needed if we are in a position to do so;