



## VETERINARY CARE POLICY

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**Purpose:** Ensure horse health, responsible veterinary care and promote donor confidence by having a set of guidelines for Farm Managers and attending veterinarians.

**Scope:** This policy covers all TRF horses under TRF's direct care as well as horses in foster care. Adopted horses are excluded from this, as adopters fall under the Adoption Care policy.

**Responsibility:**

The following is recognized as standard veterinary care for TRF Herd.

- **De-worming and fecal exams.**
- **Dental Care**
- **Vaccinations**
- **Proof of testing for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test)**
- **Health Certificate Examination**
- **Emergency services**—*Immediate veterinary care will be provided and the TRF Herd Manager will be notified if it is known or suspected that a horse has an injury requiring vet care, or is exhibiting such signs as shock, colic, founder, tremors, swelling, broken bones, open wounds, inability to eat or drink, blistering as a result of fire, acid, etc., irregular or abnormal breathing, partial or total paralysis, abnormal discharge or bleeding, signs of disease, severe parasitic infestation or infection, loss of appetite, weight loss, abnormal skin condition or hair loss, temperature fluctuation, persistent diarrhea, inability to bear weight on a limb or lameness, or other such sign*
- **Lameness evaluation**—*Lameness will be evaluated to determine if it is treatable or chronic subjected the horse to evaluation for non-emergency humane euthanasia.*
- **Diagnostic evaluation**—*Diagnostic evaluation such as blood work will be performed on horses that are chronic poor keepers and being fed, de-wormed and otherwise cared for properly*
- **Humane Euthanasia** – *as per euthanasia policy.*



**Administrative:** Request to do any veterinary procedure or prescribe any medication that falls outside of the standards listed above must be filled out and submitted to TRF Herd Committee for review. (Request attached)

- Any **non-emergency** veterinary work (or course of treatment) on an individual horse to exceed \$500 must be authorized in advance by the herd committee. Farm managers will contact the herd manager 3 days prior to scheduled non-emergency work.
- Any **emergency** veterinary work on an individual horse to exceed \$500: In an emergency situation during working hours TRF's Herd Manager should receive the initial call. If he/she is not available TRF's CEO should get the call. It is unlikely that TRF will approve procedures over \$500 unless horse:
  1. Started adoption process already.
  2. Significant sponsor is associated.
  3. Young healthy horse with no future medical needs.All farm managers need to know which horses at their facility are sponsored and all should have necessary contact information.
- Humane Euthanasia (see Euthanasia Policy): Any veterinary procedure or prescribe any medication\* that falls outside of the standards listed below must be authorized in advance by the herd committee. *\*Including, but not limited to:*
  - *Intra-articular injection for any purpose other than lameness evaluation* ○
  - Prescribing any substance for treatment for chronic conditions* ○ *Any*
  - treatment or process done as training for veterinarians or veterinary assistants*

*I have read and understood the Veterinary Care Policy*

Farm Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Request for veterinary procedures that fall outside of standard care**

Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TRF Farm or Satellite farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TRF Farm Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's JC Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_

Request permission to: \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure to be done by: \_\_\_\_\_

Inherent risks to horse, if any:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reason for considering procedure:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Summarize Horse's Current Condition:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_