



Policies, Procedures, and Protocols

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Purpose	PROVIDING A GOOD DEATH WITH MINIMAL PAIN AT APPROPRIATE TIME IN HORSES LIFE TO PREVENT FUTURE UNNECESSARY PAIN AND SUFFERING.
Content	<p>PROCEDURES USED TO EVALUATE THE NECESSITY FOR EUTHANASIA IN HORSES LIFE</p> <p>1-IS HORSES CONDITION CHRONIC, INCURABLE AND RESULTING IN UNNECESSARY PAIN AND SUFFERING</p> <p>2-IS THERE A HOPELESS PROGNOSIS IN HORSES LIFE</p> <p>3-WILL THE HORSE REQUIRE CONTINUOUS MEDICATIONS FOR RELIEF OF PAIN AND SUFFERING FOR REMAINDER OF ITS LIFE</p> <p>4-IS THE HORSE SUFFERING BUT TREATABLE, IS PROPER AND RECOMMENDED CARE OF THE HORSE WITHIN THE MEANS OF THE RESCUE SUCH THAT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE OTHER HORSES ARE NOT COMPROMISED</p> <p>5-IS THE HORSE CONSTANTLY AND IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE UNABLE TO MOVE UNASSISTED, INTERACT WITH OTHER HORSES, OR IS EXHIBITING BEHAVIORS WHICH MAYBE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR A DECENT QUALITY OF LIFE</p> <p>6-THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE VETERINARIAN AND APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE DECISION CAN BE MADE WITH THE AGREEMENT OF AT LEAST 5 BOARD MEMBERS.</p> <p>7-ACCEPTABLE METHOD: OVERDOSE OF A BARBITUATE ANESTHETIC, GIVEN INTRAVENOUSLY BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR A EUTHANASIA TECHNICIAN, TRAINED AND CERTIFIED AND EXPERIENCED IN EUTHANASIA OF HORSES</p> <p>8-ANY EQUINE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF LIFE, AS WELL AS THE</p>



ACTUAL EUTHANASIA PROCESS, SHOULD BE OUT OF THE SIGHT OF OTHER EQUINES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. EQUINES WILL BE EUTHANIZED OUTSIDE AND CLOSE TO THE BURIAL SITE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

9-DECEASED EQUINES WILL BE BURIED ON THE PROPERTY. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO HAVE THE NECESSARY HEAVY EQUIPMENT READILY AVAILABLE.

References