



**Sunshine Horses**

Helping Horses, Helping People

**Policies, Procedures, and Protocols**

<b>Title:</b> <b>POLICY ON PUBLIC CONTACT &amp; RESTRICTIONS  ON USE &amp; HANDLING OF EQUINES</b>	Original Date:	3/8/19
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**Approved by: Sunshine Board of Directors**

**Date: 3/2019**

Purpose	To ensure the safe interaction between people and equines
Content	<p>No unescorted public visitation is allowed.</p> <p>Tours are for the purpose of educating the public and are consistent with Sunshine Horses education policy. Tours are not used for entertainment.</p> <p>Tours are conducted in a way that minimizes the impact on our horses and environment.</p> <p>During tours, horses are confined in a secure environment or are under direct control of trained volunteers.</p> <p>Horses who are easily stressed are excluded from tours.</p> <p>Physical contact between the public and our horses is supervised, safe for animals and humans, and not stressful.</p> <p>Members of the public may feed horses only nutritious feed and only under supervision of Sunshine Horses caregivers.</p> <p>Suitable horses may be brought to Board-approved education and outreach activities that are safe and non-distressing to horses.</p> <p>Handling of horses is safe and appropriate. When the public is present, the public is educated as to appropriate interactions with equines.</p> <p>Horses receive medical care out of public view except in cases of emergency.</p> <p>Sunshine Horses portrays equines appropriately in text, photos, video or other media.</p> <p>Fund-raising activities are approved by Board. They follow GFAS Standards and are not distressing or disruptive to horses.</p>



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	<p>Equines are not sold or raffled.</p> <p>No resident equines are made available for participation in research studies, unless the Board has approved because the study is related to a new treatment that might benefit the health and wellness of the horse, and it does not prevent normal activities of daily living.</p> <p>Due to space restrictions, Sunshine Horses does not assist in law enforcement investigations and seizures of equine neglect and abuse cases.</p>
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