



Mending Hope Equine Rescue Humane Treatment Policy

Every animal shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any foster/trainer using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to an equine in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by Mending Hope Equine Rescue's board of directors and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed as a foster/trainer and from the competition and/or all future competition, foster programs, and training programs. If a participant's animal enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents an animal with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by Mending Hope Equine Rescue's board of directors and consisting of a panel of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant will be removed from the competition and/or all future competition, foster programs, and training programs.

The following list includes but not limited to examples of unacceptable behavior and training techniques:

- No equine appearing to be emancipated, drawn, or injured may be exhibited.
- Use of or evidence of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking horse with objects, excessing spurring, and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- An inhumane treatment that results in wounds.

Additionally, Mending Hope Equine Rescue promotes and encourages the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques, and equine handling methods:

- Equine and trainer exhibiting solid relationship based on respect and understanding.
- A calm and willing partnership between the equine and trainer, regardless of the obstacle or environmental challenge during competition or training phase.
- Trainer maintains a credible level of dignity for the equine during all phases of training, competition, and repositioning if applicable.
- Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship in order to promote and encourage the positive relationship between the equine and trainer.
- Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between the equine and trainer.

Through my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand Mending Hope Equine Rescue's Humane Treatment policy and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in Mending Hope Equine Rescue events. I also understand that should a determination be made (as outlined above) that I have violated any part of this policy, I may lose the privilege to fostering or competing at Mending Hope Equine Rescue sponsored events and may also lose any chance of future adoptions from Mending Hope Equine Rescue.

Name of foster/trainer (please print)

Name of foster/trainer (signature)

Date

M.H.E.R. Representative signature

Date