

Unbridled Spirit 7
EQUINE REHOMING POLICY

Article I PURPOSE

The Purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for rehoming horses that, for various reasons, may no longer be suitable for equine experiential learning. Additional guidelines apply to horses who require full retirement.

Article II DEFINITIONS

Rehoming is the practice of assessing the needs of the horse and if necessary, finding a suitable home for the horse, where they will no longer serve as an experiential learning horse.

Article III POLICY

All possible efforts will be made to adjust a horse's activities within the program before determination is made that the horse is no longer able to be an experiential learning horse.

Article IV PROCEDURE

1. The horse will be assessed for physical problems that may lead to difficulties. This could include issues of lameness, an uncooperative demeanor, nipping or bucking, depression or discomfort while eating.
 - The horse may perform better with some veterinary intervention, massage therapy, supplements, or special feed additions.
 - Additional Changes include: Adjusted workload, more or less turnout, a rider weight limit, or cutting out all riding, seeing how the horse does with only ground work.
 - In the case an equine is unsound and/or unhealthy and cannot be treated to relieve suffering, the equine may be euthanized upon the recommendation of the veterinarian.

2. If the horse must be moved, the following guidelines will be followed.
 - The previous owner will be offered the return of the horse.
 - All potential adopters/purchasers complete a written contract which constitutes the agreement between our organization and the new owner.
 - Potential adopters/purchasers must visit our organization and be observed with the equine on site.
 - Unbridled Spirit staff conducts a site visit of the adopter/purchaser's facility before the transfer of the equine to the adopter/purchaser's facility.
 - The distance of a potential adopter/purchaser's home from our facility is a consideration for when rehoming an equine.
 - Potential adopters/purchasers are encouraged to do a short-term, on-site foster with the equine.

3. If a horse needs to be retired from all work, efforts will be made to find a pasture type area with other horses. The selected facility will provide photographs of the horse every three months for the first year.

4. The agreement reflects that any individual or organization in possession of the equine as of the date of the agreement and any time thereafter is bound to **not sell** the equine at auction for slaughter or allow the equine to be sold, transferred, released, or otherwise placed into possession of any person or organization that will cause or allow the equine to be sold at auction for slaughter.