

Equine Welfare Data Collective Survey (Released 2/25/2019)

This is an annotated survey guide. To complete the survey please visit the EWDC website at <https://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/equine-welfare-data-collective/> or contact Emily Stearns at EWDC@HorseCouncil.Org.

Any question with an “ * ” before the number will be required when completing the survey online.

Welcome new and returning members!

Thank you for your interest in the EWDC. Without you, we wouldn't be able to collect this information that is so critical to helping at-risk equines and those in transition.

Introduction

The Equine Welfare Data Collective (EWDC) is a group of agencies collecting national data on equine welfare from transition centers, adoption centers, rescues, sanctuaries, shelters, and other organizations involved in equine welfare.

The EWDC was created by the United Horse Coalition (UHC), a program of the American Horse Council (AHC) with funding partners being The Right Horse Initiative (TRH), The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), and the American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation (AAEPF).

As funders and industry professionals we identified a need for accurate and credible data, and we see it as our responsibility to understand the issues and provide needed insight.

The success of the EWDC depends upon shelters, rescues, sanctuaries, funders and other organizations that house, or support the housing of, horses in transition to contribute data to the collective and to encourage all groups to do the same.

Granting organizations such as the UHC, TRH, AAEPF, and ASPCA will be looking for your contribution to the EWDC as part of their funding considerations.

Your data contribution today will provide for more accurate study results to help you understand and communicate the scope of the issues you are tackling and better serve your community.

Here is what you'll need to complete the survey today:

1. Your organization's EIN Number. This will be used for internal record keeping purposes as an identifier to ensure there are no duplicate data submissions. Your EIN (and any other identifying information you provide) will never be shared.
2. Current records including intake and outcome populations from **January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**. We will be collecting data by category (e.g. number of intakes via owner surrender, agency transfer, law enforcement confiscation, etc.) so it will be important to make sure you have access to your organization's complete records.

If you have never contributed data to the EWDC before you will also need intake and outcome populations from **January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**. We will be collecting aggregate data including total intakes, total adoptions, and total euthanasias for the 2017 year.

We use the term "equine" throughout our survey. Equine encompasses any member of the Equidae family including horses, ponies, donkeys, zebras, and any hybrids (mules, hinnies, zedonks, etc.).

Your privacy is important to us. We understand your organization is sharing sensitive data with the EWDC. We will never share any information without your explicit permission. Your data will remain anonymous when analyzed. Any identifying records you submit with this survey today will be used for verification purposes only.

We thank you sincerely for taking the time to submit your data. If you have any questions regarding

submission of your data, record keeping, or any other aspect of the EWDC, please contact Emily Stearns at EWDC@HorseCouncil.org.

Returning members:

You may remember many of these initial questions from the first survey. We ask many of the same questions to allow us to report on program trends within the community.

We've also updated our questions based on your helpful feedback! Please take a moment at the end of the survey to tell us what works and what is difficult.

Consent to Share Information

I, on my own behalf or on behalf of the organization listed below by my signature (the "Organization"), hereby grant the Equine Welfare Data Collective("Receiving Party"), its legal representatives, successors and assigns, those for whom the Receiving Party is acting, and those acting with its authority and permission by agreement or otherwise, which may include but is not limited to any individual, for-profit organization, and/or nonprofit organization (including, but not limited to, other animal welfare organizations) to whom the Receiving Party chooses to grant authority and permission (each, a "Third Party Entity"), the absolute right and permission to analyze, share, copy, or otherwise use, the data and information that I shall provide to the Receiving Party, in whole or in part, as well as any textual or photographic materials that I or the organization listed below may provide to the Receiving Party in connection therewith, of which I represent and warrant that I or the organization listed below is the sole owner (collectively, the "Content"). I also consent to the use of any printed matter in conjunction therewith. I represent that I have the authority to share the Content in the manner described herein, and I understand that the Content will be used only in aggregated form and no identifiable information shall be shared by the Receiving Party.

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I HEREBY WARRANT THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT, THAT I AM OVER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY PRIOR TO SIGNING BELOW AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AN ENFORCEABLE LEGAL DOCUMENT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE RECEIVING PARTY AND SIGN OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

*** 1. By digitally signing you agree to the above terms and conditions.**

Name _____

Company _____

City/Town _____

State/Province -- select state --

ZIP/Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

***2. Please enter today's date.**

___/___/___

What do our terms and agreements mean?

The EWDC will never share your name, contact information, EIN, or any other identifying information. All data submitted will be aggregated without identifying factors used. We will use your contact information and EIN for data verification purposes only and to allow us to contact you in case of any clarifications needed in the submitted surveys. This also means that the data you submit won't ever be used in any way other than being aggregated without your explicit permission.

***5. Would you like an official copy of your survey responses?**

- Yes
- No

Your data belongs to you!

We're happy to send you as many copies as you'd like of your survey responses in either PDF or XLS format. We'll also send you a certified letter verifying your participation in the EWDC.

***4. Please enter your organization's employer identification number (EIN). This will be used to ensure no duplicate data is submitted from your organization.**

EIN: _____

Why do we need your EIN?

Your EIN will be your organization's unique ID number. It will ensure there are no duplicated submissions from an organization. In the case of a duplicate submission, we would contact you using the information you have provided earlier in the survey.

***5. Using definitions provided below, how would you primarily describe your organization? (Check all that apply)**

Adoption/Rescue/Transition Center: An organization that facilitates placements of equines in adoptive homes and new vocations through traditional and non-traditional approaches to finding the right matches and opportunities for the equines in their care.

Sanctuary: Sanctuaries are equine facilities that provide lifetime care for equines. Unlike adoption organizations, sanctuaries typically do not focus on rehoming the equines in their care.

Municipal/Government facility: An organization owned, operated, or otherwise contracted by a government (taxpayer funded) entity that provides a combination of animal related services to the community.

- Adoption/Rescue/Transition Center
- Sanctuary
- Government/Municipal Facility
- Other (please specify) _____

If you feel your organization fits multiple descriptors, please choose the phrase that best relates to the **majority** of your intakes and outcomes.

***6. Would your organization consider adopting out a resident equine if "the right home" was available?**

- Yes
- No

Question 6 is only required of organizations that identify as a "Sanctuary".

***7. Does your organization *primarily* --**

- house equines on property owned by the organization
- house equines on property leased by the organization
- house equines using of a network of foster homes
- None of the above (please explain) _____

How will this information help?

Understanding how organizations like yours operate will allow us to identify needs within the industry. The results from this survey will increase your personal knowledge of how other organizations operate and will help to build upon your ability to care for the animals within your custody.

***8. What is the maximum number of equines your organization is able to care for at one time?** (i.e. your maximum holding capacity, this includes any equines in your organization's custody that are in foster care, training centers, private boarding facilities, etc.)

Maximum capacity: _____

***9. How does your organization determine its maximum holding capacity?**

The EWDC is looking to better understand the current capacity on a national level and what limitations organizations experience when determining how many equines they can care for.

*** 10. Does your organization microchip equines during the intake process or at any other point before being released from its custody?**

- Yes
- No

*** 11. Does your organization transfer legal custody (ownership) of equines to the adopters?**

- Yes
- No
- Our organization does not facilitate adoptions

***12. Does your organization provide equine euthanasia services for the local community?**

- Yes
- No

***13. What record keeping system does your organization currently use?**

- No record keeping
- Paper records
- Microsoft Excel or similar spreadsheet program
- Animal shelter or barn management specific software (please specify)

How will this information help?

As at-risk equine data collection evolves and grows, understanding what tools are utilized (or not!) will help identify future development needs. We are looking to make the record keeping process easier for all organizations.

***14. Has your organization completed the “Equine Welfare Data Collective Survey 1”?**

(Survey 1 encompasses data from January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017 as well as January 1, 2018-June 30, 2018).

- Yes
- No

New members:

Continue to page 8 of this guide. The online survey will automatically direct you to answer questions from January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018.

Returning members:

Continue to page 13 of this guide. The online survey will automatically direct you to answer questions from July 1, 2018-December 31, 2018.

The next section is used to collect numerical data on intake and outcome populations from **January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018** as well as **January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**. You will need your records at hand for the following questions.

Please note the following definition:

“In your custody”: Having legal guardianship and responsibility to care for. This includes animals in foster care that volunteers care for, but the organization retains legal custody of.

For the following page you will need intake and outcome records **for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**. Click "next" once you're ready to continue.

Reminder: Please only count records of equines that were in your organization's legal custody

Be sure to have your records ready!

Completing the next section of the survey will require you to look back through your records and provide summary data for 2017 as well as tally intakes and outcomes by category (agency transfer, owner surrender, law enforcement confiscation, etc.) for 2018.

***15. What is your organization's total equine intakes from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017?**

Total Intakes: _____

***16. What is your organization's total equine adoptions from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017?**

Total adoptions: _____

***17. What is your organization's total equine euthanasias from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017?**

Please only count the number of equines euthanized while under the custody of your organization. This number would NOT include equines euthanized for an outside party (i.e. a euthanasia clinic, or services provided to the general public.)

Total euthanasias: _____

How will this information help?

While most of our data collection and analysis will be more in-depth and detailed based on biannual data, we want to be able to provide the field with a snapshot of yearly intake/outcomes as soon as possible. These summary questions will only be asked in this survey, as moving forward we will provide a more detailed analysis based on the questions that follow.

For the following page, you will need intake and outcome records from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Click "next" once you're ready to continue.

Reminder: Please only count records of equines that were in your organization's legal custody.

For the next section you will need detailed records including intakes and outcomes by category (i.e. owner surrender, adoption, agency transfer, etc.)

You can leave the survey open in your browser while you prepare.

***18. Number of equines in your organization's care on January 1, 2018.**

Number of equines in care: _____

***19. Please enter your organization's collective equine intake numbers by category from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018.**

A. Stray/At Large: _____

B. Relinquished by Owner: _____

C. Adoption Return: _____

D. Law Enforcement Confiscation: _____

E. Transferred in from another agency: _____

F. Purchased at public auction: _____

G. Purchased from kill pen/kill buyer: _____

H. Born in shelter: _____

I. Other Intakes: _____

***20. Please enter your organization's collective equine outcome numbers by category from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018.**

Please only count the number of equines euthanized while under the legal custody of your organization. This number would NOT include equines euthanized for an outside party (i.e. a euthanasia clinic, or services provided to the general public.)

J. Adoption: _____

K. Return to Owner: _____

L. Transferred to Another Agency: _____

M. Euthanized: _____

N. Died in care: _____

O. Other Outcomes: _____

How will this information help?

As the EWDC continues to collect data, we will be able to report on trends within the industry and help organizations like yours determine the efficacy of programs helping horses in transition.

21. What percentage of your organization's intakes during January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 does each breed listed represent? (Please do not include the % symbol, data points must total 100).

This question is optional.

American Quarter Horse	
Arabian	
Connemara Pony	
Donkey/Mule	
Draft/Draft Cross	
Miniature Horse	
Morgan	
Mustang	
Pony of the Americas	
Saddlebred	
Shetland Pony	
Standardbred	
Tennessee Walking Horse	
Thoroughbred	
Warmblood/Warmblood Cross	
Welsh Pony	
Grade Horse	
Grade Pony	
Unknown	
Other	

For the following page, you will need intake and outcome records from July 1, 2018 to December 30, 2018. Click "next" once you're ready to continue.

Reminder: Please only count records of equines that were in your organization's legal custody.

***22. Number of equines in your organization's care on July 1, 2018.**

Number of equines in care: _____

***23. Please enter your organization's collective equine intake numbers by category from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.**

A. Stray/At Large: _____

B. Relinquished by Owner: _____

C. Adoption Return: _____

D. Law Enforcement Confiscation: _____

E. Transferred in from another agency: _____

F. Purchased at public auction: _____

G. Purchased from kill pen/kill buyer: _____

H. Born in shelter: _____

I. Other Intakes: _____

***24. Please enter your organization's collective equine outcome numbers by category from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.**

Please only count the number of equines euthanized while under the legal custody of your organization. This number would NOT include equines euthanized for an outside party (i.e. a euthanasia clinic, or services provided to the general public.)

J. Adoption: _____

K. Return to Owner: _____

L. Transferred to Another Agency: _____

M. Euthanized: _____

N. Died in care: _____

O. Other Outcomes: _____

25. What percentage of your organization's intakes during July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 does each breed listed represent? (Please do not include the % symbol, data points must total 100).

This question is optional.

American Quarter Horse	
Arabian	
Connemara Pony	
Donkey/Mule	
Draft/Draft Cross	
Miniature Horse	
Morgan	
Mustang	
Pony of the Americas	
Saddlebred	
Shetland Pony	
Standardbred	
Tennessee Walking Horse	
Thoroughbred	
Warmblood/Warmblood Cross	
Welsh Pony	
Grade Horse	
Grade Pony	
Unknown	
Other	

26. Please take a moment to share what you feel worked about this data contribution process and what you feel was challenging. Your feedback will help us to continually improve the process for future quarterly collections.

This final question does not require a response.

But we would greatly appreciate one! Feedback will help us to make the process easier for you in future surveys. The simpler we can make the process for everyone, the more likely we are to get responses and have quality results to share with the community!