

Equine Welfare Data Collective Survey (Released 8/17/2020)

This is an annotated survey guide. To complete the survey please visit the EWDC website at <https://www.unitedhorsecoalition.org/ewdc>

or contact Emily Stearns at EWDC@HorseCouncil.Org.

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

Question numbers and wording in this annotated survey guide may differ slightly from the online survey as occasional corrections and updates may occur.

**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

EWDC Survey 5: January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020

Q1 The Equine Welfare Data Collective (EWDC) is a group of agencies collecting national data on equine welfare from 501c3 or state registered nonprofits and municipal organizations that function as transition centers, adoption centers, rescues, sanctuaries, shelters, direct placement programs, and other services 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 Foundation for the Horse (FFTH).

The success of the EWDC depends upon shelters, rescues, sanctuaries, funders and other organizations that house, or otherwise support horses in transition to contribute data to the collective and to encourage all groups to do the same. Organizations such as the UHC, TRH, FFTH, and ASPCA will be looking for your contribution to the EWDC as part of their membership, partner, and/or 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 from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020. 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 missed our last survey ("Survey 4") you will also need records for July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019.

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 sincerely thank you 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.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Receiving Party, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, or those for whom the Receiving Party is acting, and all persons acting under its permission or authority by agreement or otherwise, including, but not limited to, a Third Party Entity, from any liability in the taking of said Content or in any subsequent usage thereof, as well as any publication thereof.

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.

3*. 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 takes legal custody of at-risk equines or those in transition and facilitates placements 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: An organization that take custody of and provide lifetime care for at-risk equines and those in transition. 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.

Direct Placement/Transition Services: An organization that finds homes for at-risk equines without taking legal custody of them by networking current owners with potential new homes for their equine in transition. This includes but is not limited to providing listing space on a website for current owners to advertise an equine in transition, networking owners directly with curated lists of potential homes, and linking equines at auctions or owned by "kill pens"/"kill buyers" directly with new homes.

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

If you feel your organization fits multiple descriptors, please choose all that apply.

6*. Does your organization take legal custody of at-risk equines and those in transition?

- Yes
- No

7*. 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.

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

Community euthanasia services includes but it not limited to hosting euthanasia clinics, in house euthanasia by owner request, and assisting owners with payment for euthanasia services. *Community euthanasia services does not include animals taken into the organization's custody with the intent for sanctuary, adoption, and rehabilitative services that are euthanized for medical, behavioral, or other reasons.*

- Yes
- No

We are hoping to identify safety net services, medical services, and other assistance programs available to horse owners.

9. Does your organization ever use a network of foster homes to house equines in your custody?

- No
- Yes

The following questions will help us understand the number of at-risk equines supported by welfare organizations.

10. How many equines are you able to house using your foster network?

Number of equines: _____

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

Number of equines: _____

12. What is the average length of stay of equines in your legal custody? (please list in days, i.e. 97 days. If you do not track length of stay, please write "unknown")

Average length of stay: _____

13. Has your organization completed the "Equine Welfare Data Collective Survey 4"?

Survey 4 encompasses data from **July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019**

- Yes
- No

If you answer no:

Continue to page 8 of this guide. The online survey will automatically direct you to answer questions from **July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019.**

Returning members:

Continue to page 18 of this guide. The online survey will automatically direct you to answer questions from **January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.**

The next section is used to collect numerical data on intake and outcome populations from **July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019**. You will need your records at hand for the following questions.

If your organization does not take legal custody of equines, please skip to page 11

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

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.

Definitions for Intake categories:

Stray/At Large: Found unconfined with no proof of ownership immediately available.

Relinquished by Owner: Legal custody willingly transferred directly from owner to your organization.

Adoption Return: An equine previously adopted from your organization that has been returned by the adopter (timing as determined by your organization).

Law Enforcement Confiscation: Legal custody forcefully transferred from owner to your organization by law enforcement, court order, or other legal means.

Transferred in from another agency: Legal custody transferred from another 501c3, state non profit, or municipal organization to your organization.

Purchased at public auction: Your organization obtained legal custody by using funds to purchase the equine from a public sale or auction.

Purchased from kill pen/kill buyer: Your organization obtained legal custody by using funds to purchase the equine from a dealer or feedlot whose intent was to sell the animal for slaughter processing.

Born in shelter: Equines that are born to mares currently in the legal custody of your organization.

Definitions for outcome categories:

Adoption: Legal custody transferred from your organization to a new owner.

Return to Owner: Legal custody transferred from your organization to the original owner.

Transferred to Another Agency: Legal custody transferred from your organization to another 501c3, state non profit, or municipal organization.

Euthanized - Health: Any equine euthanized while in your legal custody for humane reasons relating to the animal's health. *This does not include equines euthanized for community euthanasia services.*

Euthanized - Behavior: Any equine euthanized while in your legal custody for humane and safety reasons relating to the animal's behavior. *This does not include equines euthanized for community euthanasia services.*

Euthanized - Other: Any equine euthanized for reasons other than health or behavior. *This does not include equines euthanized for community euthanasia services.*

Died in care: Any equine that died while in your legal custody. *This does not include animals that were humanely euthanized for health, behavioral, or other reasons.*

14*. Number of equines in your organization's care on July 1, 2019.

Number of equines in care: _____

15*. Please enter your organization's collective equine intake numbers by category from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019.

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 (please specify): _____

Be sure to have your records ready!

Completing this section of the survey will require you to look back through your records and provide intakes and outcomes by category (agency transfer, owner surrender, law enforcement confiscation, etc.) for the second half of 2019. You will have the option online to submit data by month, or aggregately for the 6 month period.

16*. Please enter your organization's collective equine outcome numbers by category from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019.

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 (please specify): _____

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.

17. How many equines of each breed listed did your organization take legal custody of from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019

This question is optional.

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

The next section is used to collect numerical data on assistance programs for **July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019**. You will need your records at hand for the following questions.

If you do not track assistance requests, or offer assistance programs, please skip to page 14.

If you do not keep record of this information, you can leave it blank or simply write "unknown" or skip the questions.

If your organizations does not provide safety net programs, euthanasia services, or other assistance programs, please skip to the next section.

Safety net services include but are not limited short term aid utilizing feed banks, veterinary care, castration clinics, farrier care, general husbandry assistance, training and behavioral services, financial services, and other equine assistance programs designed to help owners maintain care of their equines and promote responsible ownership.

How will this information help?

The EWDC is beginning to collect data on assistance programs available to the public. We are hoping to be able to identify regions that provide safety net programs, and analyze any correlations we may see within the intake and outcome data.

18. How many requests for rehoming assistance did you receive from owners of at-risk equines or those in transition from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019? This includes requests for owner surrender and direct placement services via phone calls, emails, personal visits, etc.

19. What is the most common reason owners provide for needing to rehome equines from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019? Select all that apply

- Owner age
- Owner health
- Owner financial situation
- Owner relocating
- Equine behavior
- Equine age
- Equine health
- Other (Please Specify) _____

20. How many requests for euthanasia services did you receive from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019?

Community euthanasia services includes but it not limited to hosting euthanasia clinics, in house euthanasia's at the owner's request, and assisting owners with payment for euthanasia services. *Community euthanasia services does not include animals taken into the organization's custody with the intent for sanctuary, adoption, and rehabilitative services that are euthanized for medical, behavioral, or other reasons.*

21. How many equines were you able to provide community requested euthanasia services July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019?

22. How many equines would you be able to provide community requested euthanasia services for annually?

23. What is the most common reason owners provide for needing to euthanize their equine from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019? Select all that apply

- Owner age
- Owner health
- Owner financial situation
- Owner relocating
- Equine behavior
- Equine age
- Equine health
- Unknown
- Other (please specify) _____

26. How many requests for "safety net" services did you receive during from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019?

Safety net services include but are not limited short term aid utilizing feed banks, veterinary care, castration clinics, farrier care, general husbandry assistance, training and behavioral services, financial services, and other equine assistance programs designed to help owners maintain care of their equines and promote responsible ownership.

Feed Assistance	
Veterinary Care Assistance	
Behavioral Training Assistance	
Disaster Relief Assistance	
General Husbandry Assistance	
Castration Assistance	
Other (please specify)	

27. How many requests for "safety net" services were you able to fulfill during July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019?

Feed Assistance	
Veterinary Care Assistance	
Behavioral Training Assistance	
Disaster Relief Assistance	
General Husbandry Assistance	
Castration Assistance	
Other (please specify)	

The next section is used to collect numerical data on direct placement programs for **July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019**. You will need your records at hand for the following questions.

If you do not offer direct placement services, please skip to page 18.

Only complete this section if you provide direct placement services.

A direct placement program is: An organization that finds homes for at-risk equines without taking legal custody of them by networking current owners with potential new homes for their equine in transition. This includes but is not limited to providing listing space on a website for current owners to advertise an equine in transition, networking owners directly with curated lists of potential homes, and linking equines at auctions or owned by "kill pens"/"kill buyers" directly with new homes.

How will this information help?

The EWDC is beginning to collect data on direct placement programs. We are hoping to be able to identify practices that assist at-risk equines transition to a new home without an organization taking custody of them. This data will allow us to truly understand and analyze the scope of the number of equines each year transitioning to a new home.

28. What direct placement services do you provide? Select all that apply

- Equine assessment (i.e. in person assessment of health, skill level, and/or discipline suitability)
- Advertisement and Marketing guidance (writing and design services, photography services, sales consulting, etc.)
- Listing services (i.e. hosting placement advertisements on your organizations website)
- Transportation either directly or through a third party to new home
- Facilitation of quarantine procedures either directly or through a third party
- Coordinating the purchase of an equine from a public auction directly into the legal custody of a new owner
- Coordinating the purchase of an equine from a kill pen/kill buyer directly into the legal custody of a new owner
- Other (please specify)

29. What are your organization's criteria for accepting equines into your direct placement program? Select all that apply

- Breed (please specify)
- location/radius from your organization
- Maximum price for listed equine
- Previous performance discipline (please specify)
- Current owner situation urgency
- Other (please specify)
- None

30. What is your organization's follow up procedure for equines placed into homes through the direct placement program?

- On site visits for rehomed equines
- Proof of veterinary care
- Updates sent to organization by new owner via email, phone, social media, etc after a specified time period
- Other (Please Specify) _____
- We do not have a follow up procedure

31. The information requested below pertains to your direct placement program from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019.

Important Definitions:

Owner/Trainer: The person legally responsible for the custody and care of the equine needing to be rehomed.

Public Auction: A for-profit livestock sale that is open to the general public.

Kill pen/Kill Buyer/Feedlot: A livestock dealer whose main business intent is to sell equines for slaughter processing.

A. How many requests for direct placement assistance did you receive from owners or trainers? _____

B. How many requests from owners or trainers for direct placement assistance were you able to accommodate?

C. How many equines that were listed by owners or trainers found new homes through your direct placement program?

D. How many equines were voluntarily withdrawn from your direct placement program by their owner or trainer?

E. How many equines did your organization facilitate purchasing at public auction on behalf of a new owner? _____

F. How many equines did your organization facilitate purchasing directly from a kill buyer/kill pen/feedlot on behalf of a new owner? _____

32. How many equines of each breed listed did your organization assist through direct placement programs of from July 1, 2019-December 31, 2019?

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 (Please Enter Breed)	

The next section is used to collect numerical data on intake and outcome populations from **January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020**. You will need your records at hand for the following questions.

If your organization does not take legal custody of equines, please skip to page 21.

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

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.

Definitions for Intake categories:

Stray/At Large: Found unconfined with no proof of ownership immediately available.

Relinquished by Owner: Legal custody willingly transferred directly from owner to your organization.

Adoption Return: An equine previously adopted from your organization that has been returned by the adopter (timing as determined by your organization).

Law Enforcement Confiscation: Legal custody forcefully transferred from owner to your organization by law enforcement, court order, or other legal means.

Transferred in from another agency: Legal custody transferred from another 501c3, state non profit, or municipal organization to your organization.

Purchased at public auction: Your organization obtained legal custody by using funds to purchase the equine from a public sale or auction.

Purchased from kill pen/kill buyer: Your organization obtained legal custody by using funds to purchase the equine from a dealer or feedlot whose intent was to sell the animal for slaughter processing.

Born in shelter: Equines that are born to mares currently in the legal custody of your organization.

Definitions for outcome categories:

Adoption: Legal custody transferred from your organization to a new owner.

Return to Owner: Legal custody transferred from your organization to the original owner.

Transferred to Another Agency: Legal custody transferred from your organization to another 501c3, state non profit, or municipal organization.

Euthanized - Health: Any equine euthanized while in your legal custody for humane reasons relating to the animal's health. *This does not include equines euthanized for community euthanasia services.*

Euthanized - Behavior: Any equine euthanized while in your legal custody for humane and safety reasons relating to the animal's behavior. *This does not include equines euthanized for community euthanasia services.*

Euthanized - Other: Any equine euthanized for reasons other than health or behavior. *This does not include equines euthanized for community euthanasia services.*

Died in care: Any equine that died while in your legal custody. *This does not include animals that were humanely euthanized for health, behavioral, or other reasons.*

***17. Number of equines in your organization's care on January 1, 2020.**

Number of equines in care: _____

***18. Please enter your organization's collective equine intake numbers by category from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.**

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 (please specify): _____

Be sure to have your records ready!

Completing this section of the survey will require you to look back through your records and provide intakes and outcomes by category (agency transfer, owner surrender, law enforcement confiscation, etc.) for the first half of 2020. You will have the option online to submit data by month, or aggregately for the 6 month period.

***19. Please enter your organization's collective equine outcome numbers by category from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.**

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 (please specify): _____

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Shetland Pony	
Standardbred	
Tennessee Walking Horse	
Thoroughbred	
Warmblood/Warmblood Cross	
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Other (Please Enter Breed)	

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If you do not track assistance requests, or offer assistance programs, please skip to page 24.

If you do not keep record of this information, you can leave it blank or simply write "unknown" or skip the questions.

If your organizations does not provide safety net programs, euthanasia services, or other assistance programs, please skip to the next section.

Safety net services include but are not limited short term aid utilizing feed banks, veterinary care, castration clinics, farrier care, general husbandry assistance, training and behavioral services, financial services, and other equine assistance programs designed to help owners maintain care of their equines and promote responsible ownership.

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22. What is the most common reason owners provide for needing to rehome equines from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020? Select all that apply

- Owner age
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23. How many requests for euthanasia services did you receive from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020?

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24. How many equines were you able to provide community requested euthanasia services from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020

25. What is the most common reason owners provide for needing to euthanize their equine from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020? Select all that apply

- Owner age
- Owner health
- Owner financial situation
- Owner relocating
- Equine behavior
- Equine age
- Equine health
- Unknown
- Other (please specify) _____

26. How many requests for "safety net" services did you receive during from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020?

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Castration Assistance	
Other (please specify)	

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Behavioral Training Assistance	
Disaster Relief Assistance	
General Husbandry Assistance	
Castration Assistance	
Other (please specify)	

The next section is used to collect numerical data on direct placement programs for **January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020**. You will need your records at hand for the following questions.

Only complete this section if you provide direct placement services.

A direct placement program is: An organization that finds homes for at-risk equines without taking legal custody of them by networking current owners with potential new homes for their equine in transition. This includes but is not limited to providing listing space on a website for current owners to advertise an equine in transition, networking owners directly with curated lists of potential homes, and linking equines at auctions or owned by "kill pens"/"kill buyers" directly with new homes.

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- Transportation either directly or through a third party to new home
- Facilitation of quarantine procedures either directly or through a third party
- Coordinating the purchase of an equine from a public auction directly into the legal custody of a new owner
- Coordinating the purchase of an equine from a kill pen/kill buyer directly into the legal custody of a new owner
- Other (please specify)

29. What are your organization's criteria for accepting equines into your direct placement program? Select all that apply

- Breed (please specify)
- location/radius from your organization
- Maximum price for listed equine
- Previous performance discipline (please specify)
- Current owner situation urgency
- Other (please specify)
- None

30. What is your organization's follow up procedure for equines placed into homes through the direct placement program?

- On site visits for rehomed equines
- Proof of veterinary care
- Updates sent to organization by new owner via email, phone, social media, etc after a specified time period
- Other (Please Specify) _____
- We do not have a follow up procedure

31. The information requested below pertains to your direct placement program from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.

Important Definitions:

Owner/Trainer: The person legally responsible for the custody and care of the equine needing to be rehomed.

Public Auction: A for-profit livestock sale that is open to the general public.

Kill pen/Kill Buyer/Feedlot: A livestock dealer whose main business intent is to sell equines for slaughter processing.

A. How many requests for direct placement assistance did you receive from owners or trainers? _____

B. How many requests from owners or trainers for direct placement assistance were you able to accommodate?

C. How many equines that were listed by owners or trainers found new homes through your direct placement program?

D. How many equines were voluntarily withdrawn from your direct placement program by their owner or trainer?

E. How many equines did your organization facilitate purchasing at public auction on behalf of a new owner? _____

F. How many equines did your organization facilitate purchasing directly from a kill buyer/kill pen/feedlot on behalf of a new owner? _____

32. How many equines of each breed listed did your organization assist through direct placement programs of from January 1, 2020-June 30, 2020?

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 (Please Enter Breed)	

Thank you for contributing data to the EWDC. We take pride in valuing your organization's privacy. You will be given the opportunity on the next page to download your full data report.

The consent form you signed at the beginning of the survey prohibits us from sharing any information about EWDC members with anyone. By participating in our surveys, you allow us to share your analyzed data as part of an aggregate, your data will be grouped with all submitted data from all organizations with no identifying information attached.

Some organizations such as grant funding agencies, certifying bodies, and municipal groups require your active participation in the EWDC. For us to verify your participation in the program, you must grant us permission to share your EWDC participation level with these organizations. Previously, we provided members with EWDC certificate letters that you could share as proof of participation. If you permit us to share your participation level, you will no longer need a certificate letter, though we are always happy to supply one to you upon request.

Furthermore, some organizations require you submit your full data report to them. This would include all answers to a completed survey. Granting us permission to share on your behalf allows us to send your data report directly to that agency without you having to request it at later time. Again, if you would like us to share this information with any group, you must give us explicit permission.

Your organization's default status will always be "No permission given." - i.e. we are prohibited from sharing any information about your membership with anyone.

Below are groups we are currently partnering with. We are asking you to tell us if you would like to share your participation level and/or your complete data set with any of the groups listed.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the EWDC Program Manager Emily Stearns at EWDC@HorseCouncil.Org.

Participation Status is reported as follows:

Active: Your organization has completed all current EWDC surveys

Inactive: Your organization has not completed all current EWDC surveys

Levels of Permission:

No Permission Given: No data, including participation level, will be shared with any group.

Participation Status Only: You give the EWDC permission to share your only participation level with specific organizations.

All Submitted Data: You give the EWDC permission to share all of your submitted answers from all of your completed surveys with this specific organization.

Please mark your desired permission level for each organization.

Any organization you leave blank will be considered "No Permission Given".

	No permission given	Participation Level Only	All submitted data
The Foundation for the Horse https://www.foundationforthehorse.org/	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), including The Right Horse Initiative https://www.asPCA.org/ https://therighthorse.org/	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANTER USA https://www.canterusa.org/	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maryland Equine Transition Services (METS) https://mdequinetransition.org/	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Fund for Animals http://www.fundforanimals.org/	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) https://www.sanctuaryfederation.org/	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

This final question does not require a response.

We offer the ability to choose to share your participation level, or full data set, as a service to assist with any grant funding, certification, or other organizational requirements.

If you choose to leave this question blank, we will assume you **do not** wish to share any information. You are always able to update your choices.