

Equine Welfare Data Collective Survey

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

or contact Kelsey Buckley 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. With
out 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 1 2023: January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023

The Equine Welfare Data Collective (EWDC) collects 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.

Your data contribution today provides 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 is used for internal record keeping purposes as an identifier to ensure there are no duplicate data submissions. We never share your EIN, or any other identifying information you provide.

2. Current records from January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023. We collect data by category (e.g. number of intakes via owner surrender, agency transfer, law enforcement confiscation, etc.) so it is important to make sure you have access to your organization's complete records. We will be collecting data by category.

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 never share any information without your explicit permission.** Your data remains anonymous when analyzed. Any identifying records you submit with this survey today are 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, other ways to submit data, or any other aspect of the EWDC, please contact Kelsey Buckley at EWDC@HorseCouncil.org.

Returning members:

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

We've also updated and added new questions based on your helpful feedback. Please take a moment after the survey to let us know what does and does not work.

**Has your organization completed the EWDC Organization profile?
You only need to complete it once!***

- Yes
- No

If you select no, you will automatically be redirected to the Organization profile. The Org Profile is very important as it helps keep track of correct information for survey participants.

Contact Information

Please enter your organization's employer identification number (EIN). This is used to ensure no duplicate data is submitted from your organization and links your submission to your organization profile. (EIN Example: 00-9999999)*

Why do we need your EIN?
Your EIN is your organization's unique ID number. It will ensure there are no duplicated submissions from organizations.

Please enter your contact information in case we need to confirm any aspects of your data submission. We will only contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. *

Contact Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

We will never share your information. Please make sure there is a valid email included!

Data Type

*What kind of data do you need to submit today? Select all that apply. **

Custodial Services: Your organization takes legal custody of equines.

Direct Placement Services: Your organization facilitates transfer of ownership from one home to another without taking legal custody of the equine.

Safety Net Services: Your organization takes requests for and/or fulfills requests for assistance needs including but not limited to feed assistance, veterinary assistance, euthanasia assistance, behavioral training assistance, transportation assistance, etc. Select this option if you receive requests, even if you're unable to facilitate fulfilling them.

If you need to submit data for more than one, select as many as needed! You will only be shown questions pertaining to what kind of data you are submitting.

Here we go! Have your data ready!

If you select custodial services..

Custodial Services

This section is used to collect numerical data on intake and outcome populations from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023. You will need your records at the ready 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.

How many equines were in your organization's custody on January 1, 2023?

Please enter your organization's collective equine intake numbers by category from January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023.

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

Relinquished by Owner: Legal custody of equine willingly transferred directly from their owner to your organization.: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Born in Shelter: Equine that was born to a mare in your legal custody.:

Other: _____

How will this information help?

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

If you filled in anything for "Other" above, please specify:

How?

If you have horses that came to you under other circumstances than those listed above, please specify here.

Outcomes

What was the outcome of a horse that had been in your legal custody?

Please enter your organization's equine outcomes by category from January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023.*

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

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

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

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

Euthanize - 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 custody. This does NOT include animals humanely euthanized for health, behavioral or other reasons.:

Other: _____

If you filled out "Other" above, please specify

How?
If you have horses that left your custody in other ways than listed above?

Breeds

Did your organization take legal custody of any equines that are confirmed tattooed, microchipped or papered? *

- Yes
- No

NOTE: This question has been modified. Many breeds are “best guesses”. We are working to get the most accurate information possible, meaning accurately counting breeds. If you have “best guess” breed without any confirming identification, still feel free to add to “other” category.

How many equines of each breed (confirmed via tattoo/microchip/papers) listed did your organization have in your custody from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023?

American Quarter Horse: _____

Arabian: _____

Donkey/Mule: _____

Belgian: _____

Clydesdale: _____

Percheron: _____

Miniature Horse: _____

Morgan: _____

Mustang: _____

American Paint Horse: _____

Saddlebred: _____

Standardbred: _____

Tennessee Walking Horse: _____

Thoroughbred: _____

Warmblood: _____

Other - Please Specify: _____

Other - Please Specify: _____

Foster

How many equines did you place into foster care from January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023?*

Direct Placement

This section asks about direct placement programs and services provided from January 1, 2023-June 31, 2023. Please make sure to have your records ready.

Direct placement services help transition at-risk equines from their current ownership situation to a new home without your organization taking legal custody of them. This includes assisting in purchasing equines at public auction, feedlots, and kill pens.

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 public

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

How many requests for direct placement assistance did you receive from owners/trainers?

How many of those requests were you able to accommodate?

Direct Placement

How many equines listed by owners/trainers found new homes through your direct placement program?

How many equines were voluntarily withdrawn from your direct placement program by owner/trainer?

Auction / Kill Pen - Direct Placement

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

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

Did your organization purchase equines from public auction or kill pen/kill buyer/feedlot NOT on behalf of owner/trainer, but for the organization itself?

Yes

No

You will only see the below questions if you answer yes here.

If yes, how many equines were purchased at public auction for your organization? (Not on behalf of a new owner/individual.)

If yes, how many equines were purchased from kill pen/kill buyer/feedlot for your organization? (Not on behalf of a new owner/individual.)

Direct Placement Breeds

The following will only be displayed if you answered "yes" to Question 10: "Did your organization take legal custody of any equines that are confirmed tattooed, microchipped or papered."

How many equines of each breed (confirmed via microchip/papers/tattoo) listed did your organization assist through direct placement programs from January 1, 2023 to June 31, 2023?

American Quarter Horse: _____

Arabian: _____

Donkey/Mule: _____

Belgian: _____

Miniature Horse: _____

Morgan: _____

Mustang: _____

American Paint Horse: _____

Saddlebred: _____

Standardbred: _____

Tennessee Walking Horse: _____

Thoroughbred: _____

Warmblood: _____

Percheron: _____

Clydesdale: _____

Other: _____

If "Other", please specify:

Requests for Assistance

You will only see these questions if you selected safety net services at the start of the survey

This section asks about requests for assistance services made to your organization from January 1, 2023-June 31, 2023.

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

How many requests for "safety net" services did you receive, and how many were you able to fulfill January 1, 2023-June 31, 2023?

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 assistance for the aforementioned needs, and other equine assistance programs designed to help owners maintain care of their equines and promote responsible ownership.

How many of the following REQUESTS did you receive?

Feed Assistance: _____

Veterinary Care Assistance: _____

Behavioral Training Assistance: _____

Disaster Relief Assistance: _____

General Husbandry Assistance: _____

Castration Assistance: _____

Transportation Assistance: _____

Shelter/Boarding Assistance: _____

Euthanasia Assistance: _____

Disposal Assistance: _____

How many of the following were you able to FULFILL did you receive?

Feed Assistance: _____

Veterinary Care Assistance: _____

Behavioral Training Assistance: _____

Disaster Relief Assistance: _____

General Husbandry Assistance: _____

Castration Assistance: _____

Transportation Assistance: _____

Shelter/Boarding Assistance: _____

Euthanasia Assistance: _____

Disposal Assistance: _____

If you were unable to fulfill a request, what would be the main reason?

Finances

Limited Resources

Staffing

Other - Write In:

What is the most common reason owners provide for needing to rehome equines from January 1, 2023-June 31, 2023? Please rank them from most to least common.

- _____ Owner Age
- _____ Owner Health
- _____ Owner Financial Situation
- _____ Owner Relocating
- _____ Equine Behavior
- _____ Equine Age
- _____ Equine Health
- _____ Unknown
- _____ Other

Would you like a copy of your response emailed to you? Many organizations require proof of participation for grants. *

- Yes
- No

The end!