



**EWDC 2024 Survey 1:
January 1st-June 30th 2024**

Welcome Page

Introduction

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.

The EWDC only collects this information with the intention to understand the needs of the equine rescues, sanctuaries, and other welfare programs and the unique challenges that they face.

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 UHC, TRH, ASPSCA, AHFEH, and GFAS will be looking for your contribution to the EWDC as part of their membership, partner, and/or funding considerations.

Your data contribution 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.

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

Here is what you will 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 cover January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024. We collect data by category (e.g number of intakes via owner surrenders, agency transfer, law enforcement confiscation, etc.) so it is important to ensure you have access to your organization's complete records. We will be collecting data by category.

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 the 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

EIN & Consent to Share

1) Please enter your Organization's 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 below.

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.

2) By digitally signing you agree to the above terms and conditions:

Organization Name:

Name (First and Last):

City:

State:

Postal:

Phone:

3) Please enter a valid email. *We will only contact if we have questions on this submission.*

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 info and EIN for data verification purposes only and to allow us to contact you in case any clarification is needed on submissions. This also means the data you submit won't ever be used in any way other than being aggregated without your explicit permission.

4) Has your organization submitted an organization profile before? Yes No

What is the organization profile?

The Organization Profile contains important information that usually doesn't change over time. The Organization Profile contains your organization's information like land usage, staffing information, how you define your organization, etc. If you have already filled out the Organization Profile in the last year, you do not need to repeat if there have been no changes.

→ If you select **Yes**, the following will show:

5) Have you already submitted an organization profile, but need to make changes (i.e. changes in acreage owned/leased, significant staffing changes, changes in the average length of stay, maximum capacity changes, etc.) to it? Yes No

Selecting **No** to question 4 or **Yes** to question 5 will display the following.

If you have already filled out the Organization Profile and do not need to make any changes, you will be automatically directed to **PAGE 5**.

Organization Profile

6) Do you own and/or lease property as a part of your program? Please check all that apply

Own Lease Neither

If you select own or lease you will be asked:

7) How many acres do you own/lease for your program?

8) Does your operation have any direct employees and/or volunteers? Select all that apply.

Direct employees Volunteers

9) How many direct employees has your operation had in the last 6 months? (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024) _____

10) How many volunteers has your operation had in the 6 months? (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024) _____

If you select only Direct Employees or only Volunteers, you will only be shown the question pertaining to them.

11) What kind of record-keeping does your organization use? Select all that apply.

Paper Records Excel No record-keeping Animal Shelter or Barn management specific software (Please specify): _____ Other Write-In: _____

How will this information help?

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

Organization Profile

12) Using the definitions provided, how would you primarily describe your organization? Select 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 equines in their care.

Sanctuary: An organization that takes custody of and provides 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.

Direct Placement 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 a curated list of potential homes, and linking equine at auctions or owned by “kill pen/kill buyers” directly with new homes.

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 Direct Placement Services

Municipal/Government Facility Other – Write in: _____

You can select all that apply to your organization!

We understand many organizations fall under multiple categories. Check all that fit for yours.

13) Does your organization take legal custody of at-risk equines and those in transition?

Yes No

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14) Does your organization provide equine euthanasia and disposal services for the local community?

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

() Yes () No

How will this information help?

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

15) What is the maximum number of equines in your legal custody your organization can care for at one time? *i.e. your maximum daily holding capacity, this includes equines in your organization's custody that are in foster homes, training centers, private boarding facilities, etc. This does not include equines you are facilitating direct placement on behalf of owners/trainers for or other non-custodial services.* * _____

You will only see question's 15 & 16 if you answered "Yes" to question 13.

16) 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 the length of stay, please write "unknown". If you intend to keep equines until the end of their life, please say "lifetime". _____

Legal custody meaning you are fully responsible for the equine, even if they are in foster homes, training centers, boarding facilities, etc.

Type of Data

17) Using the below definitions, what kind of data do you need to submit today? Please select all that apply/

Custodial Services: Your organization takes legal custody of equines.

Direct Placement Services: Your organization facilitates the 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 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 are unable to facilitate them.

Custodial Services Direct Placement Services Safety Net Services

Select as many as apply to your organization. You will only be shown questions pertaining to the options you select.

Have your records ready!

Completing the next sections of the survey will require you to look back through your records and provide, depending on your selection, intakes and outcomes by category (agency transfer, owner surrender, law enforcement confiscation, etc.), direct placement services, and any assistance services for the first half of 2024.

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Custodial Services - Intakes

This section is used to collect numerical data on intake and outcome populations from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024. You will need your records 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.

18) How many equines were in your organization's custody on January 1, 2024? _____

19) Please enter your organization's collective equine intake numbers by category from January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024.

_____ 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: Any 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

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

Custodial Services - Outcomes

21) Please enter your organization’s equine outcomes by category from January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024.

_____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 behavior. 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 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

22) If you filled anything in for “Other” above, please specify: _____

How will this information help?

The continued collection of data will help us be able to report on trends within the industry and help organizations like yours determine the efficacy of programs helping horses in transition.

23) Does your organization utilize a foster care system?

() Yes () No

If you select “Yes”, the following will display:

24) How many equines did you place in foster care from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024?

25) How many equines are you able to house *in total* using your foster network? _____

26) For *adoptable* equines in your care longer than 6 months, what reason(s) do *you feel* are contributing to the equine’s length of stay?

- Equine’s training needs
- Equine’s medical needs
- Equine’s behavioral needs
- Lack of available/suitable adopters in our area
- Price of adoption fee
- N/A – We are a sanctuary and do not adopt equines out
- Other – Write In _____

How will this information help?

Collecting this data will hopefully help identify reasons for equines having extended Length of stays and what percentage of cases are in rescues and transition centers.

Custodial Services – Breeds

26) How many equines of each breed listed did your organization have in your custody from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024?

___ American Quarter Horse ___ Arabian ___ Donkey ___ Mule ___ Thoroughbred
___ Standardbred ___ Saddlebred ___ Morgan ___ Miniature Horse
___ Tennessee Walking Horse ___ Mustang ___ Draft X ___ Paint Horse ___ Warmblood
___ Belgian ___ Percheron ___ Grade Horse ___ Grade Pony ___ Other (specify below)

27) If you had custody of a breed or breeds not listed above, please specify: _____

28) Were any of the horses in your custody from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, registered/confirmed breed via tattoo/microchip/papers? () Yes () No

If you select “Yes”, the following will display:

29) If yes, which breed(s)? _____

Direct Placement Services

This section asks about direct placement programs and services provided from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024. 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 auctions, feedlots, and kill pens.

30) 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 (i.e. writing and design services, photography services, sales consulting, etc.)
- Listing Services (i.e. hosting placement advertisements on your organization's website)
- Transportation, either directly or through a third party, to a 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
- Other - Please Specify

31) What are your Organization's criteria for accepting equines into your direct placement program?

Select all that apply.

- Location/radius from your organization
- Maximum price for listed equine
- Urgency of current owner's situation
- Breed- Please Specify: _____
- Previous performance discipline - Please Specify: _____
- Other Requirement.- Please Specify: _____
- No criteria for Direct Placement Program

How will this information help?

The EWDC hopes to identify practices that assist at-risk equines transition to new homes without an organization taking custody of them. This data will allow a better understanding and analysis of the scope of the number of equines each year transitioning to new homes.

32) What are your organization's follow-up procedures for equines placed into new homes through your direct placement program?

On-site visits

Proof of veterinary care

Updates sent to organization by new owner via email, phone, social media, etc., after a set period of time

None

Other – Please Specify: _____

Direct Placement Services

This section continues the collection on direct placement programs and services provided from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024. 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 auctions, 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

33) How many requests for direct placement assistance did you receive from owners/trainers from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024? _____

34) How many of those requests were you able to accommodate? _____

35) Of the requests accepted, how many horses found new homes through your Direct Placement Program from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024? _____

36) How many equines were voluntarily withdrawn from your direct placement program by the owner/trainer from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024? _____

37) Did your organization facilitate the purchase of equines from public auction or kill pen/kill buyer/feedlot ON BEHALF OF A NEW OWNER/TRAINER from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024?

() Yes () No

If you select "Yes", the following will display:

38) How many equines did your organization facilitate purchasing at public auction on behalf of a new owner/trainer from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024? _____

39) How many equines did your organization facilitate purchasing from a kill pen/kill buyer/feedlot on behalf of a new owner/trainer from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024?

Direct Placement Services - Breeds

40) How many equines of each breed listed did your organization assist through direct placement programs from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024?

___ American Quarter Horse ___ Arabian ___ Donkey ___ Mule ___ Thoroughbred

___ Standardbred ___ Saddlebred ___ Morgan ___ Miniature Horse

___ Tennessee Walking Horse ___ Mustang ___ Draft X ___ Paint Horse ___ Warmblood

___ Belgian ___ Percheron ___ Grade Horse ___ Grade Pony ___ Other (specify below)

41) If "Other" please specify which breed(s): _____

Safety Net Services

This section asks about requests for assistance or safety net services made to your organization from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024.

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

How many requests for assistance/ “safety net” services did you receive, and how many were you able to fulfill from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024?

Safety net services include, but are not limited to 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.

42) 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: _____

43) Of the requests received, how many of them were you able to fulfill?

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: _____

44) If you were unable to fulfill a request, what would be the main reason? (You can select more than one.)

Finances Limited Resources Staffing Limitations Other – Write In: _____

How will this information help?

The EWDC continues 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 make see within the intake and outcome data.

Safety Net Services

45) How many requests for rehoming assistance did you receive from owners from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024?

This includes requests for owner surrender and direct placement services via phone calls, emails, social media, personal visits, etc. *This number includes even requests for rehoming you were unable to fulfill.* _____

46) What were the most common reasons owners provided for needing to rehome/relinquish equines from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024? 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

47) What were the most common reasons owners provided for needing to euthanize equines from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024? 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

Please rank these (drag and drop in the survey) in most to least common.

Permissions & Review

We take pride in valuing your organization's privacy. The consent form you electronically signed at the start of this survey prohibits us from sharing **any** information about EWDC members with anyone.

Participation in our surveys allows us to share analyzed data as an aggregate. Your data will be grouped with all submitted data from all participating organizations with no identifying information attached.

Some grant funding agencies, certifying bodies, and municipal groups require *active* participation in the EWDC. In order for us to verify participation within the program, you must grant us permission to share your EWDC participation with these organizations, such as ASPCA, TAA, AHFEH, SAC, etc.

We previously provided members with EWDC certificate letters that you could share as proof of participation. If we are permitted to share your participation level, you no longer need a certificate letter, though we are happy to supply one upon request.

Some organizations require you to submit your full data report to them. This includes all answers to a completed survey. Granting permission to share information on your behalf allows us to send your data directly to that agency without you having to request it at a later time.

In order for 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.

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.

48) Please mark your desired permission level. If nothing is selected, we will keep your organizations marked as “No Permission Given”.

All Submitted Data Participation Only No Permission Given

This is the end of the survey! You will be asked if you would like to have a copy sent to you, and if you would like to review your answers.

Thank you so much for your participation!

We know how precious your time is and are appreciative of you dedicating some of yours to completing the EWDC Survey!