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What is The National Equine Welfare Council?



The National Equine Welfare Council (NEWC) has an important, proactive role in raising equine welfare standards nationwide.

Its membership base of over 60 welfare organisations includes equine welfare charities, large and small, throughout the United Kingdom, as well as a multitude of organisations from the equestrian and veterinary sectors of the horse industry.

NEWC has evolved to become a united voice for the industry on equine welfare matters, and its work includes support for small welfare organisations, making representations to Government and advising individuals

NEWC was given ownership and responsibility for this important welfare document by the horse industry due to its dedicated commitment to raising equine welfare standards nationwide.

NEWC can provide:

- Further copies of this leaflet
- Copies of the Compendium
- Code of Practice for Welfare Organisations
- Code of Practice for Sales and Markets
- Code of Practice for Tethering Equines
- Advisory publications

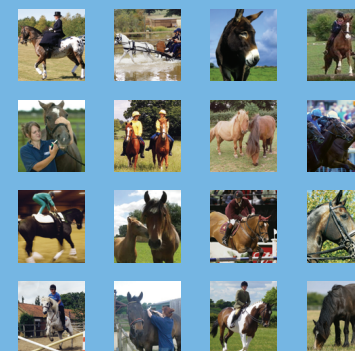
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POCKET GUIDE TO EQUINE INDUSTRY WELFARE GUIDELINES COMPENDIUM FOR HORSES, PONIES & DONKEYS



What is the Compendium?

The Equine Industry Welfare Guidelines Compendium is the first document of its kind to set out the minimum standards of care required to appropriately look after a horse.

Since its initial publication in 2002, 30,000 paper copies have been issued across the industry and over 7,000 have been downloaded from the internet.

The Compendium does not form a statutory code but is agreed by the industry to be the recommended best practice and where relevant legislation is applicable it is highlighted in shaded boxes.

The Compendium has assisted many groups of people including:

- prospective horse owners
- horse owners/keepers
- veterinary surgeons
- police officers
- welfare inspectors

in achieving high standards of horse care, husbandry and welfare.

The Compendium has been used successfully in court as a legal referral document to aid those who are prosecuting people for neglect or cruelty to the horse by clearly identifying the industry agreed best practice.

Why do we need it?

The horse industry is committed to ensuring that the welfare of all horses is protected by the adoption of good husbandry practices.

The broadest use and implementation of the standards within the Compendium will improve the welfare of horses throughout the UK irrespective of where they are kept and the purposes for which they are used.

As well as providing comprehensive information and guidance on all of the above areas, the Compendium provides reference to:

- Government Publications
- Codes of Practice
- Advisory Publications
- Legal Acts, Orders and publications
- Useful Addresses and Contacts

Duty Of Care

The most significant single influence on the welfare of the horse is the care and management given by the owner or keeper of that horse. They should be able to meet the welfare needs of their horse and be capable of safeguarding them under all foreseeable circumstances.

Owners and keepers of horses have a moral and legal responsibility to care for them and to ensure their physical and mental well being.

What is in it?

The Compendium covers all areas of equine care, husbandry and welfare and the legal aspects which relate to these including:

Health

- Inspections
- Condition Scoring
- Foot Care
- Dental Care
- Parasites
- Vaccinations
- Notifiable Diseases
- Humane Destruction
- Veterinary Treatment

Management

- Shelter
- Passports
- Tack and Equipment
- Fencing
- Noxious Weeds
- Tethering
- Pregnancy and Foaling

Housing

- Shelter/Stabling
- Buildings and Equipment
- Fire and Emergency Precautions
- Straying and Abandonment
- Export of Horses
- Transportation
- Riding Schools and Livery Yards