



**Horse Welfare**  
Alliance of Canada

# EQUINE CARE ASSESSMENT

## Auction Market, Commingling Facility

Equine will be temporarily housed at facility or under the care of the facility.

Each statement requires a response of yes, no or N/A (not applicable). Once the assessment is complete, review the areas that are not in compliant and reference the equine Code or the HWAC equine Code on-line training program ([www.horsewelfare.ca](http://www.horsewelfare.ca)) to learn how to reach compliance by taking corrective actions.

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY OF CARE	YES	NO	N/A
The facility manager is aware of the <i>Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines*</i> , places the document in an accessible location and encourages staff and facility attendees to reference the Code document to assure dutiful care of the equine on location.			
FACILITIES AND HOUSING	YES	NO	N/A
Temporary holding pens or corrals appear to have enough room for the number of grouped equine held in them. The equine are not fighting and able to get away from aggressive animals.			
During muddy conditions there are areas in the exterior penning that equine can stand and lie down without being in the mud.			
Shelter is provided to protect equine from extreme weather when applicable (shade in hot weather, wind breaks in cold weather).			
Equine that are showing signs of heat or cold stress are promptly assisted.			
All fences and penning are well maintained and appropriate for equine. There are no gaps, broken boards, protruding objects or loose wires that can cause injury.			
Incompatible and unfamiliar animals are not housed together in pens (i.e. stallions) in order to prevent injury.			
There is non-slip flooring throughout the facility. <b>Type of flooring:</b>			
The flooring in the pens will in no way harm the animals and provides a clean, comfortable area to lie down. Concrete or hard rubber mats without bedding (straw or shavings) are not acceptable surfaces. <b>Type of flooring:</b>			

The air quality of the barn is acceptable. There is no buildup of noxious gases, dust or moisture. <b>Ventilation of the barn is provided by:</b>			
The facility has an emergency action plan.			
If they have an emergency action plan, it is posted and readily available to staff.			
Toxic materials are securely stored where equine cannot gain access to them (i.e. paint cans, fuel containers, herbicides, rodent control).			
<b>FEED AND WATER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Equine have access to clean palatable water in the amounts they need. <b>Type of waterers:</b>			
Heated waterers are provided if the facility is in a climate that requires them.			
Water troughs or containers are clean, in working order and have no sharp or protruding objects in or around them that can injure equine.			
If hay is provided, is it of good quality, free from mould and dust.			
<b>HEALTH MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Equine are visually inspected regularly to ensure health and well-being are being maintained (i.e. illness, injury, incompatibility).			
The facility has policies and procedures for when equine gets sick or injured. A sick or injured animal receives treatment without delay. <b>Policy:</b>			
The facility has a veterinarian on call for emergencies. <b>Contact Information:</b>			
<b>HUSBANDRY PRACTICES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
There is no equipment (including restraint devices) that may cause injury to equine. If equipment is found to be harmful, corrective action must be taken immediately.			
All members of management and staff are trained and experienced in equine behaviour and handling.			

Equine are handled in a manner that is acceptable and humane (not causing pain or avoidable injury).			
Electric prods are not used on equine, unless in an individual extreme circumstance where the safety of an animal or human is at immediate risk. The prod must never be used repeatedly or used on the face, anus or reproductive organs of an animal.			
The method of animal identification utilized causes minimal distress and pain. <b>Method utilized if applicable:</b>			
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
All animals are fit to be transported as per the <i>Health of Animals Regulations Part XII</i> . No unfit animals are loaded into trailers at the facility.			
All animals are segregated as required for compatibility and safety of the equine.			
All equine are provided clean palatable water upon arrival at the facility.			
<b>EUTHANASIA</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The facility has an emergency euthanasia plan. Please describe:			
The facility uses only an approved method of euthanasia. Method:			

\* In the equine Code, the word "horse" refers to all equine species, namely horses, ponies, miniature horses, donkeys, mules and hinnies.