



**Horse Welfare**  
Alliance of Canada

# EQUINE CARE ASSESSMENT

## Competitions/Events/Exhibits

Venues would be inclusive of arenas (indoor and outdoor), temporary stalling and pens. Equine will be only temporarily housed at facility for specific event with owners present and responsible for the provision of care to the equine.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DUTY OF CARE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The event organizers and venue managers are aware of the <i>Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines*</i> , have access to the Code and encourages staff and facility attendees to reference the Code document to assure dutiful care of the equines on location.			
<b>FACILITIES AND HOUSING</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
If used, temporary holding pens or corrals appear to have enough room for the number of grouped equine held in them.			
If temporary outside penning is used equine can stand and lie down without being in mud or on an overly hard surface.			
Shelter is provided to protect equine from extreme weather when applicable (shade in hot weather, wind breaks in cold weather). Acceptable shelter includes constructed buildings or natural protection.			
All fences and penning are well maintained and suitable 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 an area available where sick or injured animals can be isolated and treated.			
All stalls, whether temporary or permanent, are well maintained and have no gaps, broken boards or protruding objects that can injure equine.			
The stalls have enough room for equine to lie down in a natural resting position, stand with their head fully raised, walk or step forward and turn around with ease.			
There is adequate lighting provided within the facility, in particularly where the equine are stalled.			

The flooring of the stalls in no way will 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 in stalls:</b>			
There is non-slip flooring throughout the facility. <b>Type of flooring:</b>			
The stalls are clean and dry upon arrival of equine for an event.			
Type of bedding provided for equine is nontoxic. Type of bedding:			
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 property is in a climate that requires them.			
The water troughs or containers are clean, in working order and have no sharp or protruding objects in or around them that can injure the equine.			
The facility stores all feed (hay, grain, minerals) in an area where equine cannot access it, out of the elements and away from rodents. If it is the responsibility of the equine owner/caregiver to store the feed where will it be stored:			
If hay provided it is of good quality, free from mould and dust.			

<b>HEALTH MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The venue or event has a veterinarian on call for emergencies. Contact Information:			
The facility has policies and procedures for when equine gets sick or injured, including when the owner is unavailable. A sick or injured animal must receive treatment without delay. Policy:			
<b>HUSBANDRY PRACTICES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
No equine participating in an event have been subjected to tail docking, tail nicking or tail blocking as they are unacceptable practices within the Code.			
There is no equipment (including tack or restraint devices) used by competitors or exhibitors that may cause injury to the animal. If equipment is found to be harmful, corrective action must be taken immediately.			
Equine are handled in a manner that is acceptable and humane (not causing pain or avoidable injury).			
During any event equine are not subjected to training methods that are abusive or intentionally hurt equine including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soring</li> <li>• Excessive use of whips</li> <li>• Forcing the head position by tying the equine to a fixed object.</li> </ul>			
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.			
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
All animals are fit to be transported as per the Health of Animals Regulations Part XII. No unfit animals are loaded into trailers at the facility.			

<b>EUTHANASIA</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The event organizers or venue have 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.