

## United States Equestrian Federation

### Statement of Position of Equine End of Life Decisions

“The USEF fully supports efforts for the humane treatment of horses and for the enforcement of reasonable state and federal laws. We believe that horse owners should be afforded responsible choices in deciding the disposition of horses in their care. We believe that standards should be put in place to accredit rescue facilities nationally and these facilities should receive state or national funding. We believe access to humane, affordable euthanasia and carcass disposal is essential as is humane transport of horses to these facilities.”

“State or federal legislation would create funding for rescue and end of life decisions for unwanted horses and will help eliminate abuse and neglect.”

## *My Meadows* update

After launching and following up with the *My Trails* application, the ASHA website roadmap calls for the *My Meadows* application to begin development. This idea is in response to a similar program currently run by the AQHA (Greener Pastures.) The idea would be the same, but some details may be different. The core ideas are that registered members would sign up for this program, flag any horses they have either bred or owned in the online application, which would then follow the individual horse for the rest of its life. At any point in the future, a current owner of the horse may log onto the website and access a link that lists "people offering to help my horses" (not the exact language that will appear in final product) and initiate contact. The ASHA would operate as a middleman between the two parties, facilitating our members with better retirements for their horses. The entire program would of course be legally disclaimed and documented, safeguarding the Association.

Keep in mind that the title "My Meadows" is a placeholder I came up with, and not necessarily the final product name. We currently have placeholder text on the website referring to this title, but this could easily be changed if other titles are preferred.

Timeline for development, testing, deployment I would estimate around four to six weeks. The project can be started following the Jr. League horse show, and therefore could be live just before KSF.

Please see attached for a flow chart of program details. These details will of course be finely discussed and agreed upon before any final launch to the membership.

➔ my meadows

⚠ filters decreased

⚠ automatically removes data if horse dies

⚠ limit of horses one user can currently "help" = 50

1 horses I'm assisting

list current horses user is helping, up to ASHA limit, link to pedigree

if open spot exists = list all horses available for this user to help

program info / disclaimer

confirmation page with disclaimer

✉ email/site confirmation of action taken

⚠ this also includes data from horses linked from other accounts via the "my horse"

2 people assisting my horses

list current horses with "helpers"

under each horse, list all people who've agreed to help, list contact info

disclaimer