

Equine welfare update

British Horse Council 19 June 2020

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NEWC survey

- NEWC survey of equine rescue organisations 13-22 May (with ADCH) on pandemic impact
- 74 organisations responded (NEWC and non-NEWC)
 - 66% stopped or reduced rehoming
 - 38% stopped taking in animals
 - 83% negative impact on fundraising
 - 53% reporting 50%+ reduction in income
 - 70% reduced volunteer numbers by over 50%
- Meeting with Lord Goldsmith's officials on 22 Jun
- Seeking support for equine rescue charities



Covid-19 Equine Rescues Emergency Fund

Supporting the smaller equine rescues at most risk of closure

- ✓ Fund launched by Petplan Charitable Trust and NEWC
- ✓ £140,000+ raised – maximum grant £5,000
 - 1st round: 5 Jun – 26 applications: 7 grants
 - 2nd round: 24 Jul
 - 3rd round: 16 Oct
 - 4th round? December (TBC)



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www.worldhorsewelfare.org
Registered charity no. 206658 and SC038384



Proposed subsidised euthanasia scheme

- Over-breeding remains the core systemic problem for almost all parts of the equine sector – along with ineffective equine ID and lack of enforcement
- Euthanasia inevitably will have to be part of the solution to cope with the anticipated pandemic crisis
- NFSC cost could be government-subsidised 50-75%
- Being considered – but need more supporting evidence
- Contact info@worldhorsewelfare.org

