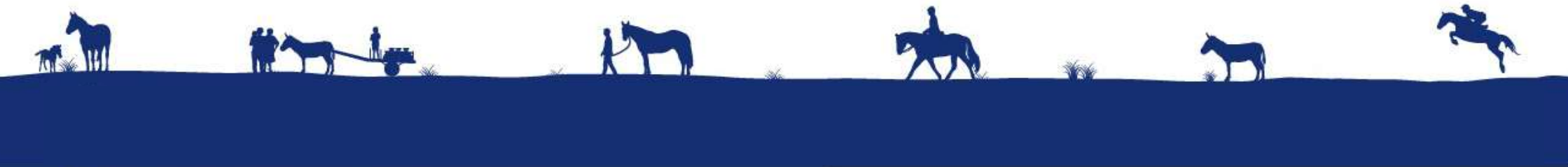


# Equine welfare

British Horse Council meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Roly Owers MRCVS



# NEWC survey: equine welfare establishments

- Aim:
  - To establish current total capacity of the UK sector
  - To ascertain what impact the cost of living crisis has had to-date and main areas of concern looking forward
- Objectives:
  - To help inform advice & guidance from NEWC
  - To understand resilience of the sector, particularly if we start to see a rise in rehoming requests and welfare cases
  - To identify what support might be needed
- Survey will launch by end of December & run for a month



# NEWC survey: equine keepers

- Aim:
  - To explore what impact the cost of living crisis has had to-date across the UK
- Objectives:
  - Provide insight into how equine keepers are experiencing the economic crisis and identify their immediate concerns this winter
  - Understand which strategies keepers are using to mitigate the impact of the economic crisis
  - Enable NEWC to provide targeted advice and guidance to support keepers
- Survey will launch by end of December



# Licensing

## England

- BHC responded to the LAIA post implementation review surveys highlighting:
  - While changes to the legislation are needed, the main concern is with the implementation
  - Negative impact to businesses due to inconsistent costs & implementation across Local Authorities
  - Need for appropriate training for inspectors (government approved syllabus)

## Scotland

- BHS Scotland organised a visit to livery yards for Scottish government officials in August
- Stressed the need for a considered and phased approach to licensing, starting with registration of premises



# Enforcement

- APGAW published its report: *Improving the Effectiveness of Animal Welfare Enforcement* in August
- The report calls for:
  - All English councils to use dedicated animal welfare officers – potential regional approach
  - The UK Government to help to facilitate better collaboration between agencies working on the ground
- Next steps: Parliamentary roundtable to discuss the findings of the report
- Welcome any comments/thoughts on the recommendations

