



TARLETON EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY (TREAT)

POLICY FOR ACCEPTING HORSES

Tarleton Equine Assisted Therapy (TREAT) accepts horses for use in the riding program. It is the general policy to accept most donations with the understanding that, if the horse is not needed in TREAT then it can be sold and the funds generated can be used to provide program support. All horses must meet the following criteria:

- Be in good health at the time of donation with no chronic medical treatment requirements
- Be accompanied by a current, negative test for equine infectious anemia (Coggins test)
- Be of acceptable temperament for use with inexperienced handlers and riders
- Be delivered to the Tarleton Equine Center at a time that is acceptable to both the Equine Center personnel and the owner.
- The donor will be provided with a letter of acceptance of the donation.

If there is not a need for the horse in the TREAT program then the owner will be informed and the horse may be sold at the first opportunity. Sales of all horses must meet the criteria of the State of Texas which usually involves a public sale to the highest bidder. If there is a need for the horse in the TREAT program then the horse will be accepted for a trial period not to exceed thirty days. If the horse is found to be unsuitable at the end of the trial period then the owner will be informed and will be given the opportunity to pick up the horse within 10 days of notification after which TREAT has the right to sell the horse and use the funds for operational expenses.

If the horse becomes unusable in the TREAT program within a reasonable length of time (one or two years from the time of donation) TREAT will attempt to contact the donor to give them the opportunity to take the horse back.