Sample Equine Intake-Outcome Flowchart

Day 3: Intake health and behavior/training assessment

- Physically sound and behaviorally healthy and fits demand: Fast Track to adoption (post on MH, Market etc)
- Physically sound but behaviorally unhealthy: Fast Track and identify partner with demand for type
- Medical or behavior/training need noted: Behavior/Training Decision point: pulling up to determine capacity and short and long term welfare

Consider how these interact

- Medical Decision point: pulling up to determine capacity and short and long term welfare

- Still available after 30 days
- Fast Track to adoption (post on MH, Market etc)
- Physically sound and behaviorally healthy and fits demand
- Physically sound but behaviorally unhealthy: Fast Track and identify partner with demand for type
- Medical or behavior/training need noted: Behavior/Training Decision point: pulling up to determine capacity, safety, and short and long term welfare

Rehab in house

Rehab in foster

Adopt and have adopter rehab

Euthanize

Train in house or with local trainer

Transfer to partner with niche

Adopt to skilled adopter

Euthanize

Euthanize

Horse is not improving: Move to fast track

Horse improving: Move to fast track

Safe and welfare can be supported adopt as is

Horse Improving: Move to fast track

Euthanize

Euthanize

See key on following pages
Day 1 (or 2) – Thorough health assessment and the Basic Behaviors Profile, basic under saddle (when appropriate) assessment, along with a review of any vet records and owner assessment (when available) to help determine initial outcome track.

Fits demand = history of type having short lengths of stay and high adopter demand

Fast Track = Horses on fast track should immediately be made ready for adoption and marketed as available on all relevant platforms. Track progress daily to assure active marketing and a short length of stay (LOS)

One of the great benefits of The Right Horse Initiative is access to a wide range of adoption and industry partners who each specialize in a niche. If you are a Right Horse partner, when a horse comes into your system who is not readily in demand in your adoption circle, after taking great photos and video, and posting on myrighthorse.org, reach out to The Right Horse partners to expand the adopter pool to the entire Right Horse community. If you are not yet a partner, you are still welcome to reach out to the Horse Adoption Resources Facebook group.

Some of the questions to ask at this point include: What is our plan? Will the horse be free of pain when issue is resolved? Are we able to adequately manage the horse’s pain and mental stress during the rehab process? Do we have the physical capacity to house and care for the horse during the rehab process? Are the resources needed to resolve this issue reasonable? What, if anything, will we not be able to achieve of our yearly plan and goals if we proceed? Will other horses in need be deprived of resources because of this horse’s rehab? Is there demand/support for this horse once his rehabilitation is complete? Can you reasonably expect to find an
adopter able to manage the care he will need, throughout the remainder of the horse’s life? Does the horse have any behavioral issues that make treatment unsafe or impossible? These guidelines from AAEP can be a useful tool at this decision point.

Included here are both the potential need for basic ground or under saddle training and the complex behavior challenges. Some of the questions to ask at this point include: Are we able to modify the behavior while assuring the horse’s welfare is fully supported? Do we have the physical capacity to house and care for the horse during the rehab process? Is it safe for staff/volunteers to handle this horse? Does the horse present a danger to itself and others, particularly during handling/care? Are the resources needed to resolve this issue reasonable? What, if anything, will we not be able to achieve of our yearly plan and goals if we proceed? Is there demand/support for this horse once his rehabilitation is complete?

For horses who reach this determination, marketing and collaboration with partners will be key to assure the horses quickly find a home after a short length of stay. These horses have stories to tell and folks who will want to be a part of their stories. Find the “Rescuers” who see their Right Horse as a horse who could use a helping hand.

A horse can move from one area of the flow chart to another. For example, a horse with a health challenge may present with a behavior challenge as he improves. Or, due to increased visibility and marketing, adopters may seek out a wider range of horse types from your facility, widening the range of who to fast track.