



**Horse Welfare**  
Alliance of Canada

# EQUINE CARE ASSESSMENT

## Racetrack - Facility Management

Each statement requires a response of yes, no or N/A (not applicable). Once the assessment is complete, review the areas that are not in compliant and reference the equine Code or the HWAC equine Code on-line training program ([www.horsewelfare.ca](http://www.horsewelfare.ca)) to learn how to reach compliance by taking corrective actions.

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY OF CARE	YES	NO	N/A
The racetrack manager is aware of the <i>Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines</i> *, places the document in an accessible location and encourages staff and facility attendees to reference the Code document to assure dutiful care of the equines on location.			
FACILITIES AND HOUSING	YES	NO	N/A
All fences and rails are well maintained and suitable for horses. There are no gaps, broken boards, protruding objects or loose wires that can cause injury.			
The facility has the ability to segregate sick or injured animals for treatment in an area that allows the horses easy access to clean palatable water, feed and appropriate shelter.			
Stalls, exercise areas and alleyways have no sharp or protruding objects or places where horses could get their head or limbs stuck.			
The stalls have enough room for a horse to lie down in a natural resting position, stand with their head fully raised, walk or step forward and turn around with ease.			
If horses are kept indoors with no natural light, artificial light is provided during the day. Keeping horses in continual darkness is unacceptable.			
Stalls are kept clean and horses have a dry area to lie down. The flooring in the pens or stalls will in no way harm the animals and provides a clean, dry, comfortable area to lie down. Concrete or hard rubber mats without bedding (straw or shavings) are not acceptable surfaces. If bedding is used it is non-toxic. <b>Type of flooring in stalls:</b>			
There is non-slip flooring throughout the facility. <b>Type of flooring:</b>			

The air quality of the barn is acceptable. There is no buildup of noxious gases, dust or moisture. <b>Ventilation of the barn is provided by:</b>			
The facility has an emergency action plan.			
The emergency action plan is posted and readily available to staff.			
Toxic materials are securely stored where horses cannot gain access to them (i.e. paint cans, fuel containers, herbicides, rodent control).			
<b>FEED AND WATER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Horses have access to clean palatable water in the amounts they need and for current environmental conditions. <b>Type of waterers:</b>			
Heated waterers are provided if the property is in a climate that requires them.			
The water troughs or containers are clean, in working order and have no sharp or protruding objects in or around them that can injure the horse.			
Feed (hay, grain, minerals) is stored in an area where horses cannot access it, out of the elements and away from rodents.			
<b>HEALTH MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The facility has policies and procedures for when a horse gets sick or injured. Policy:			
Horses that are sick, injured or in pain receive treatment without delay or are euthanized without delay.			
Management is aware of who to contact in the case of reportable disease.			
<b>HUSBANDRY PRACTICES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
All horses have access to allow for some form of regular exercise or turnout daily, unless under stall rest for medical reasons or due to severe environmental conditions.			
There is no equipment (including restraint devices) that may cause injury to the horse. If equipment is found to be harmful, corrective action must be taken immediately.			
Everyone responsible for the care of the horses are trained and experienced in equine behaviour and handling.			

Horses are handled in a manner that is acceptable and humane (not causing pain or avoidable injury).			
The facility does not allow horses to be handled in a manner, that would subject them to pain or injury including horses only undergoing training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity.			
Horses are not subjected to training methods that are abusive or intentionally hurt the horse including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soring</li> <li>• Excessive use of whips</li> <li>• Forcing the head position by tying the horse to a fixed object.</li> </ul>			
Equipment used during training is maintained in good repair and fits the horse correctly, including starting gates and exercise equipment.			
If animal identification is performed it is done in a manner that causes minimum handling stress and pain.			
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
All animals are fit to be transported as per the Health of Animals Regulations Part XII. No unfit animals are loaded into trailers at the facility.			
All horses are provided clean palatable water upon arrival at the facility.			
<b>EUTHANASIA</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The farm has an emergency euthanasia plan which includes who can perform euthanasia, what method is used, confirmation of insensibility, secondary methods available and confirmation of death. Please describe:			
Equine that are sick, injured or in pain receive treatment or are euthanized without delay. Owners receive appropriate advice on care and treatment from a veterinarian or make arrangements for euthanasia for a sick, injured or compromised animal that is not showing signs of improvement.			
The facility uses only an approved method of euthanasia. Method:			
<i>* In the equine Code, the word "horse" refers to all equine species, namely horses, ponies, miniature horses, donkeys, mules and hinnies.</i>			