



# EQUINE PROTECTION FUND

## Horses are our Heritage

Horses played a key role in settling the southwest. These iconic figures continue to be powerful symbols and important elements of the agrarian culture of New Mexico. But horses require substantial financial resources for optimum care. Given today's challenging economic times, those with a marginal ability to care for their horses, and even those who have always been able to provide proper care, are struggling.

New Mexicans must fulfill our compact with the horse for a lifetime of compassionate care. Our communities are safer and better places to live when all animals are treated humanely.

## Thousands of NM Horses in Peril

Last year, 16,000 horses—one sixth of American horses exported for slaughter—were shipped to Mexican slaughterhouses through New Mexico. Our state has become a gruesome funnel for the horse slaughter industry. Calls to statewide animal cruelty hotlines reflect a dramatic increase in equines suffering neglect and cruelty, cases difficult to remedy given the lack of humane options for these animals in our state.



# Developing Solutions We Can *All* Support

The Equine Protection Fund works with a broad spectrum of New Mexicans to minimize the suffering of equines by seeking solutions to their most immediate needs. Programs will include:

- providing financial support to sanctuaries for abandoned or relinquished equines
- subsidizing emergency equine care and humane disposition for individual owners
- advancing humane equine stewardship through public education
- training law enforcement in equine cruelty investigations
- promoting humane management of wild horse herds
- improving animal protection laws.

The Fund accepts contributions from a variety of sources, is overseen by an advisory board consisting of horsemen and women from across the state, and makes grants to support the humane treatment of equines. Join us in this groundbreaking work for equines in New Mexico!

To learn more or to donate, please visit

**[EquineProtectionFund.org](http://EquineProtectionFund.org)**



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