

Workings of **HHT**

INVESTIGATIONS: **HHT** investigates reports of equine abuse or neglect in Tennessee. These reports come from local law enforcement, animal protection agencies and the public. After an initial investigation and if valid problem is found, **HHT** will start by educating the owner of proper horse management and care. If education fails, then proper steps will be taken to insure the safety and well being of the animal in question. The horse/s will always be our top priority. Investigators for **HHT** receive proper training in the field of horse cruelty investigations. **HHT** prefers to work with, not against, responsible horse owners in the East Tennessee area. By bringing public awareness to our equine in need, **HHT** hopes to improve the aspects of life for these majestic creatures.

ADOPTION: Horses that are placed up for adoption are monitored for their continued safety and care.

EDUCATION: *Horse Haven* brings light to the public the problems our equine friends face in Tennessee. By advocating and educating the public on better cruelty laws, slaughter for human consumption, Premarin Farms and cruel training techniques.

Support Horse Haven of Tennessee by becoming a member today. Send your tax deductible contribution to:

Horse Haven of Tennessee

P.O. Box 20392

Knoxville, TN 37940

Mission Statement: Helping to protect or God given equine from abuse and neglect in Tennessee. Educating the public on cruel and inhumane practices inflicted on our equine friends, by giving a voice to those that can not speak for themselves.

TENNESSEE LAW:

Section 39-14-202 of the Tennessee Code Annotated; Cruelty to animals under state law is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 11 months and 29 days in jail and a fine of \$2500. This law covers anyone who knowingly tortures, maims or grossly overworks an animal; does not provide necessary food, water, care, shelter; abandons or transports in a cruel manner; inflicts burns, cuts, lacerations or other injuries of pain.

*** **HHT** would like to see better protection laws for the state of Tennessee. **HHT** would like to see laws and standards clarified for equine to better protect them from abuse and neglect.

HHT would like to have laws enforced in Tennessee concerning the sale of horses at auction. When sick, drugged and misrepresented horses are sold at auction, it effects everyone.

Take a stand and show your support of **HHT** by becoming a member today.

Horse Haven of Tennessee, inc.

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Fit for Sale?



Suggested guidelines for Horses sold at Auction

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This horse is a #1 on the Henneke scale

Body Condition:

Horses for sale need to be in good body weight. Spine, hips and neck must be covered with muscle. Ribs should not be overly apparent with a *Henneke body score of three (3) or greater. Poor conditions of equine may be attributed to, but not limited to: parasites, dental problems, disease or poor nutrition. Old age is not considered a reasonable excuse. Horses in poor condition not meeting the above requirements need to have a health statement from a licensed veterinarian stating the horse is in good enough health to be transported and sold.

Blindness:

Blind horses require special care when being transported or removed from a home they have become accustomed to. A horse that is completely blind should not be transported until it has been examined by a licensed veterinarian to determine if the condition is debilitating enough to make it a danger to itself or those around it.

* The Henneke system scores body condition on a scale of 1, severe emaciation to 9, severe obesity.

Lameness:



A horse should be able to bear its weight effectively on all four legs. It should be able to walk and turn in any direction without discomfort. Signs of stiffness and a locked, kned stance are causes for concern. Horses that appear lame need to see a farrier and/or veterinarian prior to the sale.

Lesions & Wounds

Abrasions, lacerations or cuts should be examined and treated before the sale of a horse. Depending on the size, depth and degree of an injury these may need attention by a licensed Veterinarian; also to determine if the possibility of an infection exists. Healing time should be allowed before animal is placed up for auction. Bandages are not sufficient to be considered wound care. Recently gelded horses who have not completely healed from castration should not be allowed to be consigned to an auction. Horses suffering from eye infections need to be treated and recovered before being offered for sale.



Other Diseases:

Horses with pneumonia, strangles, excessive swelling along abdomen, tumors, severe hair loss, severe anemia, or any other contagious diseases should never be taken to an auction barn. These diseases require immediate attention by a licensed veterinarian and may require an extensive recovery period. Horses should have a current, negative coggins test.

Equine with debilitating conditions not mentioned in these guidelines may be determined not fit for sale by a licensed veterinarian, county ag agent, equine cruelty investigator or humane officer.

The local auction should be beneficial to both the buyer and the seller. Sick and diseased equine endanger not only those animals that attend the auction but the general equine population once they leave. Lets make this a positive experience for all involved , Especially the equine.

