



The Hooved Animal Sanctuary

A Vermont Rescue Farm Celebrating 14 Years of Protection,
Rehabilitation and Community Education.



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EUTHANASIA POLICY

The Hooved Animal Sanctuary Inc. [hereinafter referred to as HAS] is designed to help ensure that all equines in the care of HAS are placed in suitable homes.

ANIMALS RESIDING AT THE HOOVED ANIMAL SANCTUARY:

The Hooved Animal Sanctuary is first and foremost a Sanctuary, meaning that we do not euthanize due to time or space constraints, reserving euthanasia for animals who are suffering mentally or physically, terminally ill, or considered dangerous to themselves, other animals, and/or humans beyond a reasonable doubt.

HAS is committed to the preservation of life of all our animals within reasonable means. Licensed veterinarians may be contracted to perform euthanasia as guided by medical standards and a reasonable interpretation of the definition of the purpose behind euthanasia. Factors contributing to the euthanasia of any animal include quality of life, and risk to the health and safety of other animals and caretakers.

Given the sensitivity of the practice of euthanasia and the organization's requirement to maintain transparency and objectivity, the euthanasia of any animal must be approved via signature by:

1. Executive Director
2. Licensed Veterinarian

Euthanasia may occur due to deteriorating medical or behavioral condition that is causing suffering to an animal. If the HAS Board of Directors or Executive Director determines that an animal is suffering from medical conditions that are not able to be medically treated to maintain a comfortable and quality life the decision to perform euthanasia will be discussed with our licensed veterinarians. If the animal is treatable, HAS will attempt to do everything possible within HAS' resources to properly treat the animal to manage its medical condition to live a comfortable and safe life.

ADOPTED ANIMAL HUMANE EUTHANASIA:

Only a licensed veterinarian may administer euthanasia, except in an extreme emergency when a veterinarian is not available. A veterinarian shall examine the carcass to verify, in writing, such immediate need. Carcass shall be disposed of in compliance with all relevant law. The adopter shall immediately notify HAS of such euthanasia and provide a veterinary statement and record of the euthanasia.