Strengthening Relationships between Rescuers and Law Enforcement

Equine Allies





Supporting Law
Enforcement
Agencies in Maryland
and throughout the
Eastern United
States since 1989

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Equine Programs Director

- Certified Equine Investigator
- Former Equine Humane Investigator for the State of Illinois
- Former Shelter Manager for the Humane Society of Central Illinois
- Certified in Technical Large Animal Rescue & Lead of ERT
- Director of DEFHR's intake, rehabilitation, retraining, and adoption programs
- Keeper of Records for DEFHR and court witness on behalf of the prosecution





A Rescue's Perspective

Considerations for working with law enforcment.

Define Your Relationship

Best Practices

Overcoming Pain Points

Opening Doors for Collaboration



Determine the objectives of your relationship

Mission focused

Vision driven

Resource allocation

Education-based

Financial assistance





Personnel
Equipment/Materials

Local, state, and national industry partners

- Logistics
 Networking
 Collaborators
- Records management
 Financial assistance

Clearly defined objectives

Best Practices 2

Firmly established protocols

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Detailed Standard Operating Procedures



Knowledge is Vital

Connection is Key



Be a student!

- State animal welfare laws.
- Local codes and ordinances.
- Due process of the law.

Build relationships!

- Law enforcement agencies.
- State's Attorney's Office.
- State Veterinarian.
- Attorney General's Office.



Pain Points: Lessons Learned

Imperfect laws. Imperfect justice system. Enforcement by Imperfect People.







Work within the boundaries of the law

Advocate for change

Train in Incident Command

FEMA Course: ICS 100

Be an effective leader

Clear communication





Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc.

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This M	Iemorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into this day of between the
	and Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc., a Maryland
corpor	ation ("DEFHR"), regarding the seizure of up to equines.
The	and DEFHR have agreed to a partnership with the
	ing understanding:
DEFH	R agrees to:
1.	Provide board for said equines without assuming legal "Care of Custody" or "Full Legal Custody".
2.	Collect evidentiary photographs, documentation, and written medical assessment on all equines impounded.
3.	Assume the cost of care and fundraise to assist in the financial care of the equines.
4.	Share all records and documentation records with:
	Provide care management of seized equines, this includes behavior assessments, medical
	management, ground training, and ongoing horse recordation.
6.	Accept "Full Legal Custody" at such a time legal custody is granted to:
7.	
	adoptions).
The	agrees to:
1.	Enforcement of Replevin, or Bond and Forfeiture provisions as required by applicable state and
	local laws and regulations.
2.	Provide the case number, name, and address of the defendant.
3.	Regular communication and case status updates not to exceed 60 days, to ensure timely
	coordination and informed decision-making regarding the seized equines.
4.	Grant DEFHR the option to assume legal custody of equines immediately upon the transfer of

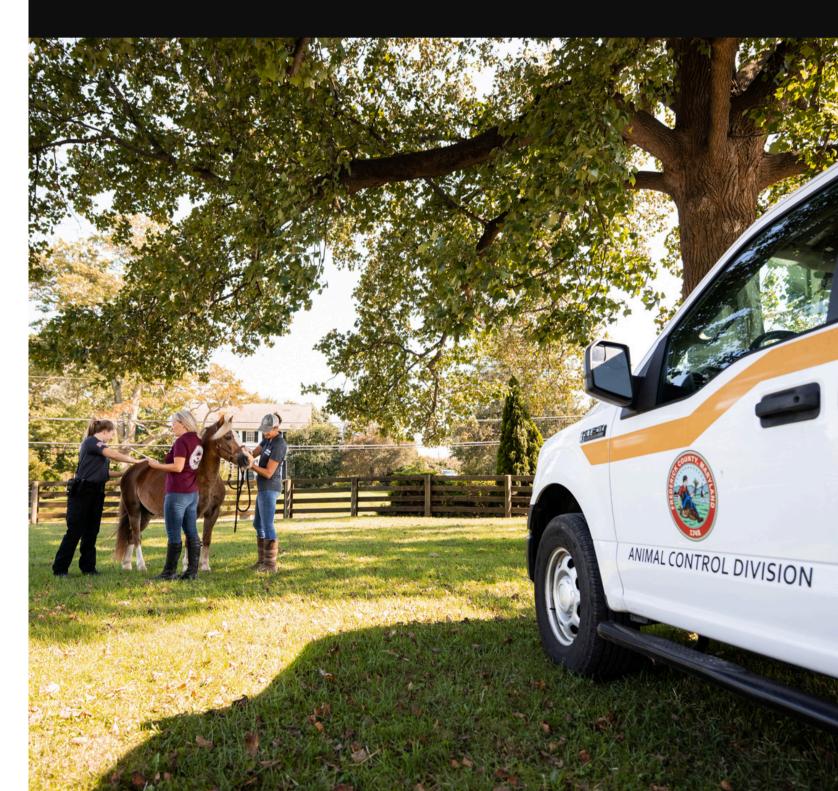
5. Allow DEFHR to publicly share non-evidentiary images to facilitate in fundraising efforts.

This Agreement becomes effective upon execution and shall remain in effect until either party terminates it with 30 days' written notice or the adoption of all the equipes. This MOLL shall be governed by the laws



legal ownership.

MOU = Clear Communication



Open Doors to Collaboration



Creative ways to make an impact!





THANK YOU!

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