



# Partners in Crime Fighting: Forging a Working Relationship with Law Enforcement

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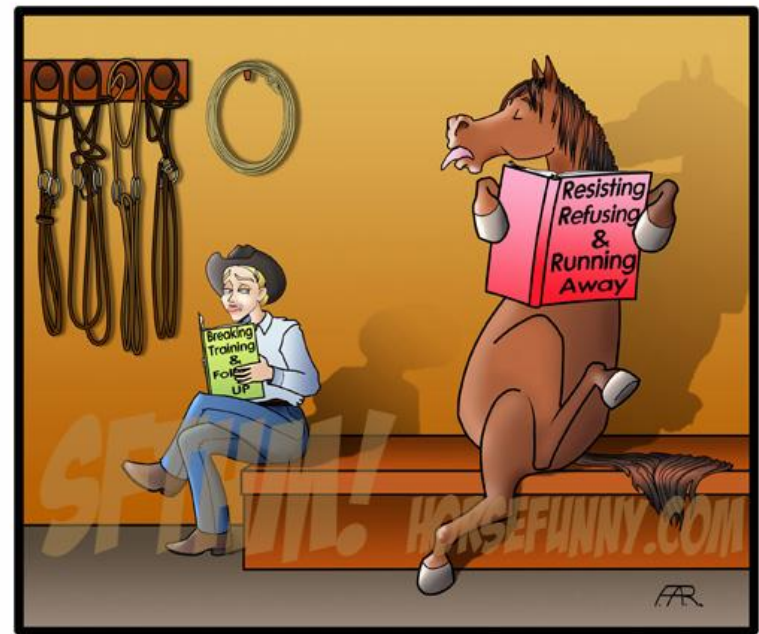
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# Common Ground

If your horse says no, you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong. ~Pat Parelli



*Touche!*



# Groundwork

- Know Yourself/ Your Organization
- Establish Professional Partnerships
- Do's and Do Not's



# Groundwork (cont.)

- Know Your Organization
  - Mission/Vision
  - Goals
    - Clear and measureable
  - Resources
    - Personnel
    - Equipment
    - Professional Partnerships
    - Veterinarians
    - YOU!!





# Groundwork (it never ends....)

- Network, Build, Create
  - Your community, groups with shared interests
  - Standard of Practices and Care
  - Set Expectations
- DO
  - Offer yourself/group as a resource
  - Establish relationships now!
  - Lay your foundation for Emergency Response
- DON'T
  - Assume the motivations or capabilities of law-enforcement
  - Do anything illegal (like trespassing!)
  - Operate under the “LAST RESORT” premise
    - Don't go to the media without dedicated consult of other professionals in your field
    - Don't send out viral e-mails



# Schooling

- Get to know your audience
- Identify a point person
- Proactive vs. Reactive
  - Are your responsibilities different?



# Schooling (cont.)

## Your Audience

- It's all about perspective
- Identify your shared interests
- Be open to compromise

## Identify an advocate

- Presentation, Presence, and Patience





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# The Show Ring

- Be Prepared
- Follow the rules
- Subjective or Objective?



# Horse Sense

Your relationship with law enforcement should be a long-standing, positive, and mutually beneficial partnership.

- Begin the groundwork today
- Keep re-tooling
- Highlight the successes