

Trinity Horse Refuge

ORGANIZATIONAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Euthanasia Policy

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Policy

It is the policy of Trinity Horse Refuge to euthanize animals who are either in uncontrollable pain, suffering from severe injuries or terminal illnesses, or are dangerously aggressive as determined by a veterinarian or staff.

Procedure

When determining if an animal should be euthanized, the following procedures will be followed:

Life Threatening Emergency:

In an emergency such as severe colic, broken limbs or other obviously fatal injuries, any member of Trinity Horse Refuge may opt for euthanasia per the suggestion of the attending veterinarian.

In a non-emergency situation, the following procedure will be followed:

The animal will be examined by Trinity Horse Refuge's veterinarian. If the vet determines that the animal is suffering and there is no hope of recovery, or if all possible treatment options are exhausted, the animal will then be humanely euthanized. Trinity Horse Refuge will take the attending veterinarian's suggestion under advisement, but the final decision will be made by a representative of Trinity Horse Refuge. No animal will ever be euthanized to make room for newcomers!