



DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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Local Host Information Packet

For 26 years, Days End Farm Horse Rescue's (DEFHR) central mission has been the rescue and rehabilitation of horses seized by animal protection authorities because of abuse and neglect. DEFHR's mission also aims to further knowledge of equines and help animal welfare professionals identify equine abuse and neglect by offering classes and clinics training participants about the minimum standards of care for equines.

The Equine Cruelty Investigation courses offered by Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) are designed to help Animal Control Officers feel confident working with and handling equines. Any cruelty investigator who does not work with horses on a regular basis will benefit from this instruction. These classes will prepare your team to feel more self-assured around horses, have a better understanding of the equine mind, and be better prepared to determine when a horse's needs are not being met and what is actionable under the law.

Hosting an Equine Cruelty Investigators course allows you the flexibility to provide training for animal welfare professionals on their schedule without traveling. Hosting a class or clinic can provide the most cost effective method for training and provides you with the opportunity to work with DEFHR's staff to get the specific training needed. DEFHR will work with you to ensure that your organization gets the most out of their training.

Benefits of Hosting:

- Training on your schedule in your location
- Providing standardized training for your employees or volunteers

Days End Farm Horse Rescue is available to teach half day classes, one day, or multi-day clinics to help meet the needs of your team. You have the option to select a standard equine course from the list below or work with DEFHR's Equine Programs Director to create a custom tailored training experience.

Course Options

- Minimum Horse Care Standards
- Making the Case / Case Histories
- Color and Breed Identification
- Horse Psychology and Behaviors
- Hoof Anatomy and Hoof Problems
- Dental Care of Equines
- Horse Handling and Safety (Hands-On)
- Use of Height and Weight Tapes
- Body Condition Scoring
- Examining for Illness and Injury
- Trailering Tips
- Emergency Response Techniques



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Days End Farm Horse Rescue provides host sites with detailed materials to assist in hosting responsibilities, course promotional information, online advertisement, and staff available to answer questions before, during, and after the course.

Materials Provided:

- Equine Cruelty Investigator Workbooks
- Emergency Response Equipment
- PowerPoint Presentations

Local hosts will be the liaison to DEFHR for this course. DEFHR asks that either the local host or a designated contact be available at all times during the course to assist with troubleshooting, equipment needs, directions, transportation needs and other logistical arrangements.

Training Site

The training room should be able to seat the participants comfortably for the duration of the course. DEFHR courses utilize a variety of audio-visual equipment in the classroom. Instructors also utilize PowerPoint during lectures as a teaching tool for the attendees. Use of an LCD projector and TV or projection screen is ideal for training.

If possible, it is highly recommended to have horses available for hands-on sessions to further the training and help enforce understanding of the materials covered.

Breaks and Refreshments

Although DEFHR is not in a position to dictate what refreshments the local host provides, we do ask you to consider creating an environment that is conducive to adult learning and networking. Attendees are provided breaks at the discretion of the instructors depending on the course being taught. Participants will need access to restrooms in close proximity to the training site. It is DEFHR's suggestion that the local host provides coffee/juice service in the morning and considers water service or soft drinks in the afternoon for the attendees.

Lunch

Lunch will be at the expense of the attendees unless otherwise indicated by the host site. Arrangements can be made to eat lunch at the training site or time can be allowed for the attendees to drive off site depending on local services. The local host should be able to provide information to participants as to on-site or nearby restaurants and eating establishments. Please provide information on local dining establishments relative to the training site:

Provided by host

Walking distance

Driving distance



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Course Fees for Local Host

As part of DEFHR's mission to continue education about equine neglect and abuse, DEFHR will provide the course, instructors, and class materials free of charge to the host site. It is up to the host site to determine if you would like to charge a fee for participation in the class.

To help DEFHR continue providing these educational opportunities to other animal welfare agencies across the state, DEFHR does ask to be compensated for all travel and hotel expenses. We ask that flights or hotels booked by the host site are first approved by DEFHR. Travel plans and hotel reservations can be finalized after classes and dates are scheduled and confirmed.

Days End Farm Horse Rescue is a 501(c)3 volunteer-based animal welfare organization that is privately funded and all donations help DEFHR care for neglected and abused equines and continue to offer educational opportunities like our Equine Cruelty Investigator courses.

Testimonials from Animal Control Officers about DEFHR's Equine Cruelty Investigator Series:

"I've been through a lot of training classes in my 10 years of employment. This is the best for hands on horse experience."

"This was extremely helpful for my future investigations on horse cases. I will be attending more! Thank you!"

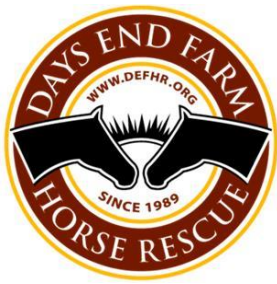
"This training is extremely informational and offered many ideas, and information to take back to work with me."

"A lot of information in a short period of time with great hands on work and a lot of exposure by the PowerPoints to different situations."

"Very educational for beginners and experienced."

"It was great – instructors very knowledgeable and experienced!"

"I would highly recommend this course to anyone wanting to learn more about horses. I especially liked the hands on training. I touched more horses in the last two days than I ever have!"



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Please fax, email, or mail the below form to the attention of Nicky Wetzelberger

Proposed Dates of Course: _____

Course Location (City, State): _____

Host Agency: _____

Host Agency Address: _____

Site Contact: _____

Desired course/content to be taught: _____

Office Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____