



ONTARIO EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

**POSITION STATEMENT  
on the  
HUMANE TREATMENT OF HORSES**

The Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) advocates the humane treatment of all horses and believes the equine industry and horse owners have a responsibility to provide humane care throughout the life of the horse.

It is acknowledged, however, that some horses are ultimately unwanted because they are no longer serviceable, are infirm, are dangerous, or their owners are no longer able to care for them.

The OEF recognizes that the processing of unwanted horses is currently a reality of the equine industry and provides a humane alternative to allowing the horse to continue a life of discomfort and pain, inadequate care or abandonment.

The OEF encourages, fosters and provides education regarding responsible ownership and management that will reduce the number of unwanted horses.

With regards to the care of unwanted horses, the OEF's position is that these horses should be treated humanely and with dignity, transported to the production facility according to current national regulations, and euthanized in a humane manner in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.