

Equine Rescue League
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Intake Policy

Intakes:

ERL provides a safe haven, an enriched environment, and a second chance for abused, neglected and “at risk” equines.

The intake of every equine must be approved by the Executive Director(ED). If the ED is not available and an equine in need has been brought to the shelter, all ERL employees must make every attempt to contact his or her immediate supervisor before making a decision to take in any equine(s).

All companion equine intakes coming in from another county facility must be housed in the isolation ward for 10-14 days. A FCM must assess the equine, start all necessary intake medical paperwork and a vaccination series must be started before every equine is moved out of isolation and into general population.

All equines must start their vaccination series and be housed in isolation for a period of 3-5 days post vaccine before being moved into general population unless there is an overabundance of equines and an equine needs to be moved into general population immediately after starting his or her vaccination series.

Any equines showing any signs of illness or disease shall be housed in the isolation ward until all necessary medications have been completed.

The FCM shall examine each equine showing any signs of illness or disease the SAME day of intake. The FCM is to start necessary treatment immediately after examination. The FCM will make the final determination as to if that equine can be started on general medications or needs to be evaluated by a veterinarian. The FCM will then either start medications or make arrangements for the equine to be seen by a vet in a timely fashion.

All equine intakes should be initially housed in the quarantine paddock until they have had a complete physical exam and determined by a veterinarian that the equine can be moved into another field or paddock.