



# Own Responsibly



Tens of thousands of horses go “unwanted” in the U.S. each year.

Who is responsible for them?

**WE ARE.**

The Unwanted Horse Coalition was organized to promote awareness and education about the issues involved in owning a horse and the long-term responsibilities of owners to their horses.



We all must learn to Own Responsibly. What does that mean?

- It means that you understand and consider all options available to your horse before it becomes unwanted, including retirement, adoption, donation, and alternative programs and uses.
- It means you don't use up your horse so that it is unable to do something else.
- It means you support adoption, retirement, and retraining facilities with time, money, and aid.
- It means that you consider end-of-life decisions, including veterinary decisions, euthanasia, and disposal, before you buy or breed.
- It means you have a responsibility to work with your federal, state, and local officials to ensure there are viable options available to dispose of horses.
- It means that if you are an organization, sales company, or service provider in the industry, you point out these responsibilities to newcomers.
- It means that the industry must continue to work together to make progress on this problem.



**That's what it means to Own Responsibly!**

*For more information about this issue, your responsibilities, and available options, visit the Unwanted Horse Coalition online at [www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org](http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org).*

