

How the Mare and Foal Sanctuary can help

Contact our Welfare Outreach and Advice team on
01626 355969
or email
equine@mareandfoal.org

We know that there is not one right way of caring for equines. We offer understanding and management expertise in the physical, psychological and social needs of horses and ponies based on the latest equitation and equine behavioural science. Our aim is to keep horses and ponies with their owners whenever possible by offering support and advice.

We're always happy to be a sounding board for your worries or concerns as an equine professional. We aim to respond to all enquiries within 24 hours. If there is a serious welfare concern, we can arrange for a member of our welfare team to visit within days. We then work with vets, owners and other organisations to decide on a plan of care for the horse or pony involved.

Our Welfare Outreach and Advice team has more than 30 years of specialist experience to call upon. Over the years we've dealt with every kind of injury, illness and equine management or behaviour problem.



The Mare and Foal Sanctuary is a charity registered in England and Wales No. 1141831



Equine Professionals - Do you have welfare concerns?

The Mare and Foal Sanctuary can take on welfare concerns raised by professionals such as vets, farriers, saddle fitters, equine dental technicians and equine therapists.



The Mare and Foal Sanctuary offers equine welfare outreach, support and advice to horse and pony owners. We are the largest equine welfare organisation working across communities in the South West peninsula.

We support professionals such as vets, farriers, saddle fitters, equine dental technicians and equine therapists to raise welfare concerns in confidence. We then work with the owner to address the problems they are facing and make sure everything is properly followed up. This leaves professionals free to continue work safe in the knowledge that any welfare issues are being dealt with.

We offer non-judgemental, no-shame advice and outreach to owners who are struggling with their horses and ponies for whatever reason. Our aim is to keep the horse or pony with the owner whenever possible.

We don't prosecute but we do actively intervene offering informal and formal advice notices if needed.

We work collaboratively with other welfare organisations including World Horse Welfare and the RSPCA regional team. We are long-term members of the National Equine Welfare Council.

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We provided advice and support 281 times last year, resulting in positive welfare outcomes for the horses and ponies involved.

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28 equines required admission to our sanctuary as a welfare intervention in 2021.

Sam's story

Sam was a thoroughbred horse who came to us too late. He was very underweight, suffered dental problems and had a worrying skin condition. It became clear just how unwell Sam was after he arrived at our sanctuary. His health declined rapidly and he needed to be put to sleep. Had the Mare and Foal Sanctuary been contacted earlier then Sam's outlook might have been very different. We're always happy to give



no-shame advice and support. Our goal is to keep horses and ponies with their owners whenever it is safe to do so.

