



# Horse Rescues

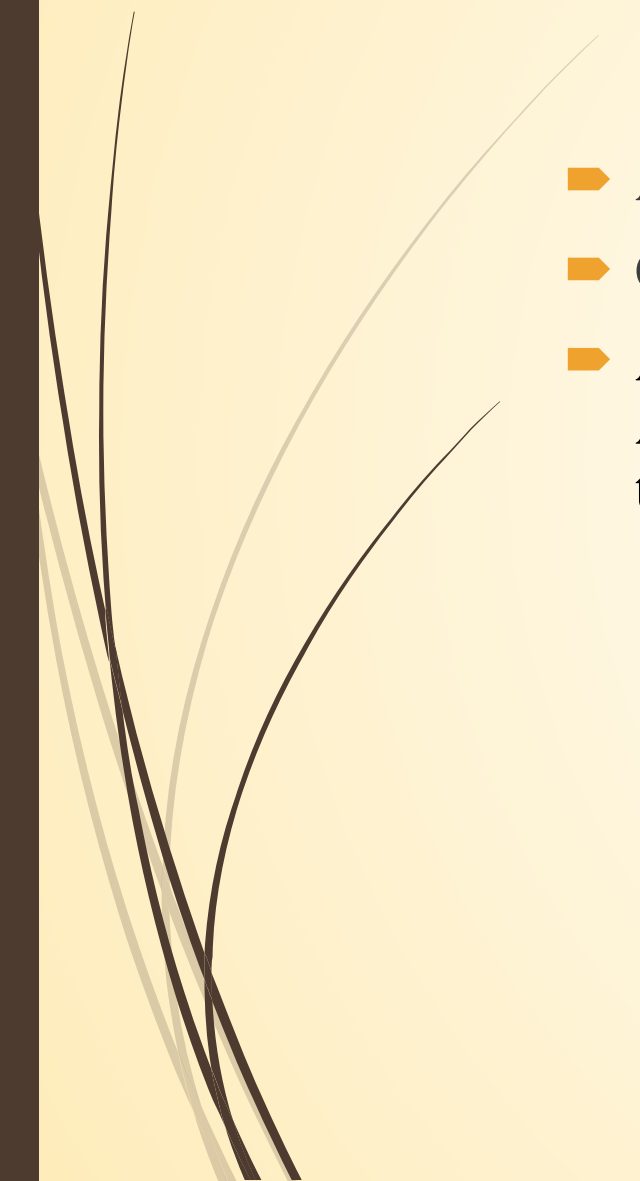
All premises that promote themselves as a horse rescue or retirement facility, including a private preserve or private reserve, and that advertises or solicits for horses and provides lifelong care or finds new

owners for horses that are unwanted or have been neglected or abused or captured wild horses that cannot be returned to their range.



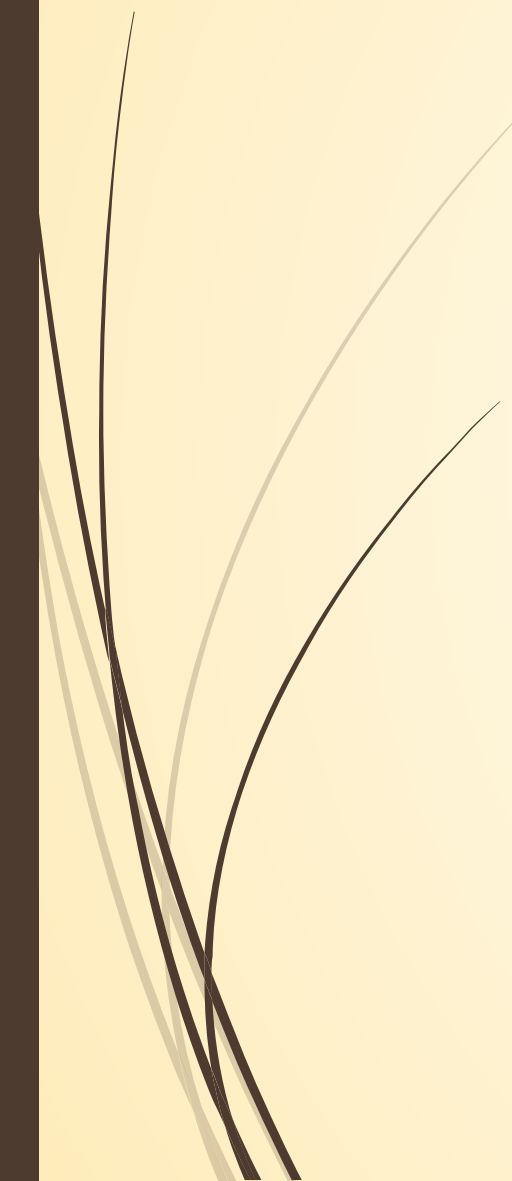
# Licensing

## 77-2-30 NMSA 1978 Effective in 2005

- ▶ A facility shall not operate in New Mexico unless registered by the board.
  - ▶ Currently there are 12 Registered Facilities in the State of New Mexico.
  - ▶ An initial inspection is made, based upon the guidelines established by the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and annually thereafter for the following items:
    - ▶ Health and Sanitary Requirements
    - ▶ Standards for Barns, Paddocks, Pastures and Ranges
    - ▶ Qualifications of the Facility Staff
    - ▶ Provision of Veterinary Care
    - ▶ Feeding and Watering Requirements
    - ▶ Transportation
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# RESCUE vs NMLB

- ▶ All registered horse rescue facilities are owned and operated under a 501C3 umbrella.
  - ▶ The facilities operate independently and are not an extension of the NMLB.
  - ▶ In over 130 years the NMLB has never operated a rescue facility for any livestock species.
  - ▶ All livestock under the control of the NMLB is done so in accordance with the NM Livestock Code under Chapter 77 NMSA.
    - ▶ At no time does the NMLB ever assume ownership of any livestock at any time during the estray and/or seizure processes.
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# Equine Shelter Rescue Fund; Created 77-2-32 NMSA 1978

- ▶ The “equine shelter rescue fund” is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and amounts designated pursuant to Section 7-2-30.7 NMSA 1978 (Tax Refunds). The board shall administer the fund, and money in the fund, is appropriated to the board to carry out the intent of aiding equine rescues and homeless equines in the state.
- ▶ The NMLB has no control over the daily operations of the facilities. Therefore, no reoccurring funding has ever been requested for the facilities.
- ▶ New Mexico Constitution Article IX Section 14 - Anti-Donation Clause.

# Horse Rescue Facilities

- ▶ During the 2023 Legislative Session SB 271 passed. This new law gives the NM Registered Horse Rescues first right of refusal on all horses sold through the NMLB Estray Process and through the courts for seizure cases.

