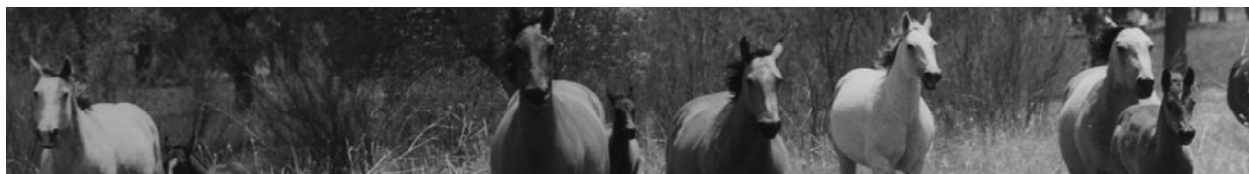


Own Responsibly



Tens of thousands of horses go “unwanted” in the U.S. each year. Who is responsible for them?

We All Are!

“Operation Gelding” sponsored by the

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in cooperation with the Unwanted Horse Coalition* assists stallion owners in having their stallions gelded. If you own a stallion not needed for breeding, have him castrated. Contact NMHC at 505-345-8959, or email nmhc@swcp.com

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!

**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. For more information about the unwanted horse issue, your responsibilities, and available options, visit the Unwanted Horse Coalition online at www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org.*