

BHS RE-HOME SCHEME

The British Horse Society runs a monitored loan re-home scheme for horses and ponies which have been rescued from cases of cruelty and neglect. BHS Welfare no longer rescues animals; we aim to prevent cases of neglect and cruelty before getting to the stage of rescue.

In order to find our horses and ponies the most suitable home, we have a very strict re-home process which all applicants must follow. Not all applicants are successful after their first application, but this does not necessarily mean they could not provide a suitable home for another BHS animal.

The application process can take up to 3 months depending on the number of applicants.

For further information about the Re-home Scheme, please contact Rebecca Palmer or Rachel Molloy in the welfare department on 01926 707791 or 01926 707807 or email welfare@bhs.org.uk

RE-HOME PROCESS

- Application forms are sent out on request from the BHS Welfare Department: Telephone 01926 707791 or email r.palmer@bhs.org.uk
- Once filled out the forms must be returned to:
Welfare Dept., BHS,
Stoneleigh Deer Park,
Kenilworth,
Warks. CV8 2XZ
- Applications will be processed as quickly as possible (Please note: we are only able to acknowledge receipt of application if you enclose a S.A.E.)
- If you appear suitable for one of the horses which is ready to be re-homed, you will be contacted and given more information about the horse.
- If you are interested in providing a home for this horse, we will arrange a time when we can meet you and give you the opportunity to handle the horse. If it is a riding horse which you have shown interest in, then there will be an opportunity for you to visit the horse and possibly try it out.
- If the meeting/ visit is successful, we will arrange a convenient time for a Welfare representative to visit your premises to ensure that they are suitable for the horse
- If the home is suitable, then a loan agreement is drawn up and signed before the horse is transported to its new home.
- There is a one off charge to cover administration costs and re-homing expenses: £250 for riding horses (BHS Gold members), £300 for riding horses (Inc a free years BHS Gold Membership) £200 for riding ponies (BHS Gold Members), £250 for riding ponies (Inc Free years BHS Gold Membership) and £100 for companions (BHS Gold Members) £150 (Inc a

years free BHS Gold Membership). Please note – this fee is a donation towards admin and re-homing costs and does **NOT** constitute a payment towards the purchase of the animal. As clearly stated in the loan agreement the animal remains the property of the British Horse Society and is only loaned to the ‘borrower’.

- The ‘borrower’ must be and remain a Gold member of the British Horse Society for the duration of the loan agreement, as clearly stated in the loan agreement. Failure to do so may result in the termination of the loan agreement.
- The horse will be freeze-marked, fully vaccinated against tetanus, wormed and shod (if appropriate). Unfortunately, we are unable to provide tack or clothing for the horse, but we will be happy to advise you as to what would be appropriate.
- Visits will be made by a BHS Welfare Representative 3 months after delivery and then 6 months, then annually after that providing everything is satisfactory. (If however there is a BHS Welfare Representative in your area you may receive an interim visit, but you will have prior warning, we reserve the right to visit the horse at anytime).