

Animal welfare at incidents



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What do horses need?

Five freedoms.....

Five domains.....

- Safety
- Leadership
- Food (and water)
- Social interaction
- Choice



What can we do or provide at the incident?

Horse broken through lid of a septic tank

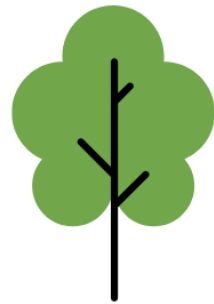


Ways of thinking about welfare



Freedom from hunger and thirst

By ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour



Freedom from discomfort

By providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area



Freedom from pain, injury or disease

By prevention through rapid diagnosis and treatment



Freedom to express normal behaviour

By providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind



Freedom from fear and distress

By ensuring conditions and treatments which avoid mental suffering



Group activity (10 mins)

What can we do to promote positive mental state (welfare) at an incident?

	Things with a negative impact	Things with a positive impact
Nutrition (feed, water, quantity, quality, right type)		
Physical environment (suitability, space, light, noise, temperature, smells/noxious gases, pollutants)		
Health (disease, injury, pain, metabolic problems, loss of function)		
Behavioural interactions with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment (choice, decisions, autonomy, movement)• People (skills, experience, attitude, aptitude, handling, voice)• Animals (opportunity for normal social interactions, offspring, threats from other animals)		

Group 1: What can we do before the rescue?

Front three tables – scribe – report back to the room



Group 2: What can we do for animals we decide not to rescue or relocate?

Rear three tables – scribe – report back to the room



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