

Adoption

Once a horse has completed STC and has been assessed and deemed suitable for LTC they are advertised via our newsletter and e-mail updates that are sent to PHHWV members. All horses surrendered to PHHWV remain the property of the organisation and are leased at no charge, rather than sold to new homes. This enables PHHWV to monitor the standard of care and ensure that it does not fall below that which is outlined in the leasing agreement. Our leasing policy, which includes a no breed policy, ensures the horse never has to suffer again.

Education

Another aspect to the work PHHWV undertakes is education both within the equine sector and to the general public. We feel that education is a powerful tool that can be used to prevent equine neglect as well as highlight the issues surrounding equine welfare.

Our educational role takes on many forms:

- Providing advice to the prospective horse owner on what is required to look after a horse
- Providing advice on how to care for the older horse
- Providing advice on how to euthanize a horse when the need arises and other options available
- Providing advice on how to care for a neglected horse. We do not encourage people to purchase horses from saleyards or knackereries, however from time to time horses are given to people or abandoned on properties and carers feel they would like to give them a chance
- Attending Pet Expos, Pony/Riding Clubs and Horse Events promoting issues surrounding equine welfare
- Providing advice to someone who is concerned about a horse they have seen

Even though we are a Victorian based organisation we are not restricted by borders in assisting people Australia-wide and will provide advice over the phone or via e-mail.

www.phhvw.org.au

Project Hope

Horse Welfare Victoria Inc.

Join now!

Membership Benefits

PHHWV has provided many important services which improve the lives of neglected horses in the state of Victoria. All of our work is undertaken by volunteers and is reliant on memberships, donations and fundraising to continue the work we have done so effectively for over 35 years.

People just like you can assist in two ways:

A Passive Member - A simple financial contribution via an annual membership fee or tax deductible donation. As a member you will be kept informed of all our activities and ongoing work via our newsletter "Hope for Horses" and our regular monthly e-mail. You are also welcome to attend our bi-monthly committee meetings.

An Active Member - You can volunteer your time, energy and talents. This can be done by attending meetings, selling raffle tickets, undertake training as a PHHWV Educator, or as a PHHWV Short Term Carer and assist with that important initial phase of care.

No matter what role you decided to take by supporting PHHWV you are adding to the size of the organisation, which in turn helps to add credibility and influence to the PHHWV cause.

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PHHWV is a non-profit organisation committed to providing hope for Victorian equines through education, rehabilitation and advocacy.

The Beginning

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Inc. (PHHWV) was established by Val Collingwood in 1973 and was originally known as Project Hope Horse Rescue.

At the time Val had rescued a “supposedly” aged buckjumper which she named “Hope”; although he had very little hope at all. Unfortunately Hope died three weeks after rescue due to complications rising from a massive worm infestation. He was three years old.

Hope’s plight prompted Val to write into Rider Magazine to share Hope’s story and express her concern about the serious situation facing neglected horses and ponies. She suggested a scheme whereby horses in need could be rescued and rehabilitated. Many of the magazine’s readers wrote to Val assuming she would co-coordinate such a scheme, so she did, under the name of “Project Hope” in honour of the young buckjumper.

For many years the organisation operated successfully on a district basis. The need for such an organisation in Victoria grew until it became necessary to use newsletters for communication, and to introduce membership fees to help cover costs and draw up a constitution.

Over the years the need for assistance grew and so did PHHWV. In 1993 the organisation became a registered incorporated association and in 2005 a registered charity in addition to obtaining Gift Deduction Status from the ATO.



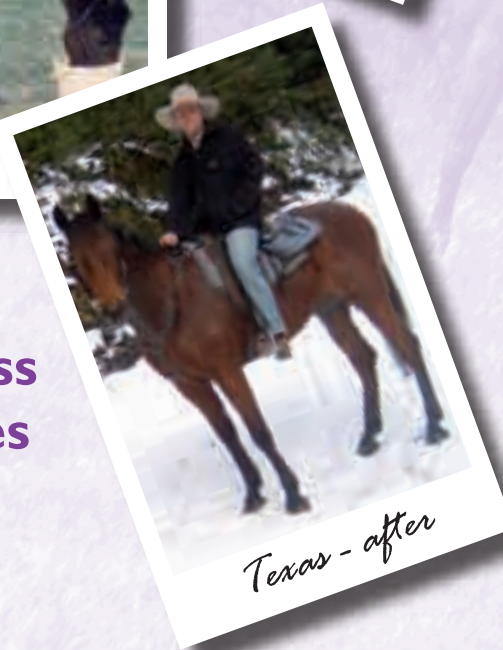
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Success Stories

Our Aims

Throughout Victoria, whenever and wherever possible:

- To assist owners through education, assistance and advice to rehabilitate their own horses
- To provide emergency care, treatment and assistance to horses
- To rescue and rehabilitate any horse found abandoned, sick, injured or mistreated
- To educate the community on the plight of neglected horses
- To contribute to the development of improved government legislation and policy

Horse Rescue

PHHWV has no legislative powers under which to seize and rehabilitate horses. Rescue is entirely dependent on an owner’s agreement to surrender their animal. We often provide feed, rugs and veterinary care on-site until a satisfactory resolution is achieved. On occasions we are required to work closely with the RSPCA, local rangers and the Department of Primary Industries.

Rehabilitation

When rehabilitating a horse a trained PHHWV Representative will take the horse into care. This initial phase of care is known as Short Term Care (STC). A rehabilitation program is established and monitored very closely. The type of care that horses will require in this initial phase varies from case to case, as does the length of time, which can be anywhere from six weeks to six months. During the STC phase the horse will be assessed for temperament and the ability to lead a happy healthy life in Long Term Care (LTC).