

## **FERAL HORSE REHOMING PROGRAM 2019**

### **Expression of Interest application**

Thank you for your interest in working with Parks Victoria to rehome captured feral horses. **REVISED 1.8m**

Please consider whether you can meet the criteria outline below before submitting an EOI. Should you decide to complete an EOI it is important that you answer all the questions as accurately as possible.

#### **Applicants should meet these criteria.**

- You or your organisation's principal officer or Director must be aged 18 years or over
- You must not have committed any offences under the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986**
- You will have suitable property and containment facilities for the number of horses held
- Provision of a veterinary statement indicating your property is suitable for keeping horses in support of the EOI
- Your property will have a current property identification code (PIC) and you can supply these details. This can be obtained through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR). If you do not have a current PIC or require further information, please contact the DJPR by phoning the PIC hotline on 1800 678 779.
- Any horse accepted as part of the rehoming program will be inspected by the new owner daily.
- Be prepared to participate in an interview with a Parks Victoria officer prior to you being accepted as a participant. Parks Victoria will contact you to discuss your involvement should this be required.
- Allow a property inspection when required or supply photographs and the location of the property you propose to hold horses at.
- You can demonstrate capacity to train and handle unbroken horses
- You can supply a reference from an equine practitioner demonstrating the above ability
- Currently have domesticated horses in your care to ensure the new animals have company
- Have access to all equipment that will help you safely and legally transport the animal from the Alpine National Park exchange location to your property or holding location.
- You can obtain a veterinarian check, microchipping and vaccination of horses accepted as part of the program at your own cost.
- You will keep records of the sale or handover of the horse to a third party (if this occurs), including the name, contact details, property address, and condition of the horse when sold or exchanged.
- Be committed to undertake all veterinary and husbandry requirements for the animal and cover all costs associated with ongoing care and treatment
- Must be able to comply with Council regulations regarding animal ownership.
- Must be able to receive horses at very short notice and at any time, after having been contacted earlier by Parks Victoria and being informed that trapping will be occurring over a specified timeframe.
- At the agreed time and location, be present or have a known representative present at horse pickup/drop-off point
- Can provide a mobile phone number that can receive images and information on horses being offered for rehoming from Parks Victoria should this be required.

**If you cannot meet the criteria outlined above, and to avoid disappointment please do not lodge an Expression of Interest.**

## Information to be completed by the applicant

<b>Who are you?</b>	
Name of organisation participating in program:	
Your Name:	
Position within organisation (if applicable):	
Property address:	
Postal address:	
Email:	
Phone/Mobile:	
<b>Where will horses be held?</b>	
Local Government (where animal will be held):	
Property Identification Code (PIC No.):	
Size of property (Ha):	
Estimated horse carrying capacity:	
Shelter available (paddock shelter/trees/stables):	
Type of fencing (Electric / plain wire / barb / Mesh / Other)	
Stock yards constructed of steel and/or timber post and rail. Fence height of <b>no less than 1.8m</b> (2.1m if possible, please specify your yard height).	Describe  Attach photo
Is there consistent pasture feed on property? What arrangements are you prepared to undertake to provide for	Yes/No

supplementary feed?	
Does your association/group own the property?  If not, who is the legal owner of the property? (provide a statement of consent/agreement from the legal owner)	
Has a veterinary letter of property suitability been supplied?	<b>Yes</b> <b>(Attach)</b> <b>No</b>
Can horses be delivered directly to your property? (must be within 5 hours of capture area).	
<b>What is your experience in owning and caring for horses?</b>	
List the previous experience you and your association's staff have on the handling, training and care of horses, in particular wild horses.	
Equine practitioner's reference attached?	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b> <b>(Attach)</b>
<b>Where can you retrieve horses from?</b>	
Please indicate the general regions you can travel to in order to accept and transport horses as part of the program.  Dinner Plain?  Eastern Alps (Omeo/Benambrabra area)?  Nunniong Plains (Swifts Creek area)?  <i>Please note that horses are not being removed from the Bogong High Plains currently although this may change in the future.</i>	
<b>How many horses can you or your organisation reasonably accept per occasion and in total per year?</b>	
<b>I acknowledge that I will have full duty of care for a horse or horses once accepted by me from Parks Victoria.</b>	Yes No

Signature:

Date: / /