ESTABLISHING A SUCCESSFUL EQUINE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HORSES NEW TO EAAT

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Presentation Objectives

• Identify useful information to collect, and skills to evaluate when developing Equine Screening and Evaluation Forms

• Establish a successful equine training program that will meet the needs of the center’s programs

• Determine an on boarding program for trial horses through their first year of service in an EAAT program
Benefits of Creating a Formalized Program

- Why did MTR create a formalized program?
- Benefits
  - Continuity of processes and procedures
  - Improved communication and understanding of equine recruiting and training program
  - Decrease risk and improve on safety
Program Overview

- Equine Recruitment
- Equine Screening
- Trial Visit
- On Site Trial
- Evaluation
- First year as a therapy horse
Recruiting

- Amount of recruiting depends on need and resources available

- **Equine Criteria and Requirements**

- Marketing Materials

- Where to recruit:
  - Website
  - Equine Publications
  - Resource Fairs
  - Local tack shops
  - Clinics
  - Center community- volunteers, participants, staff, etc.
WANTED: Horses!!

Do you have a horse that needs a new job? If so, Maryland Therapeutic Riding has one for him!

We are looking for calm, loving, and sound horses for our walk-trot-canter lesson program. Perfect for seasoned Pony Club or schooling horses. Contact our Equine Manager at equine@mtrinc.org today about leasing or selling your horse.

Specifications:
- Height—between 8–16 hands
- Age—between 8–18 years

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Programs support children and adults with special needs
Screening

• **Purpose of Screening**
  o PATH Intl. Standard EQM1- Does the center have written criteria for the initial screening of prospective equines appropriate for the activities/therapies offered?
  o Liability
  o Time Management
  o Provides clear communication and expectations on horses needed

• **Screening Process**
  o Refer to [website](#) to review criteria and submit screening form
  o Submit photos and video to designated email
  o Review submission with team and determine eligibility of a visit
  o [MTR Equine Screening Document](#)
Horse Visits

- Importance of communication with owner

- What to Bring

- MTR Horse Visit Policies and Procedures
Preparing for Equine Arrival

• Prior to equine arrival:
  o Trial Agreement
  o Transportation
  o Vet Records (minimum of coggins and vaccination records)
  o Farrier and Dental Records
  o Equine Arrival Form Completed

• Quarantine Procedures
  o Determine quarantine procedures suited for center
  o Communicate new arrival and information to staff
  o Post Information (Stall and Paddock)
Trial Period
Month 1-3

- Introducing the equine to the center

- Week 1-12

- Horse Training, Mock and Lesson Documentation

- Evaluation and Determining Suitability
Welcome to the Program!

Month 4-12
Equine Schooling & Training Program

- Overview/Manual
- Philosophy of Training Techniques
- Horse Bios
- Criteria for Schoolers and Exercisers
- Riding Test
Resources

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- Sign up Form
Thank You!