



The Horse Trust
 Advancing Excellence
 in Equine Care



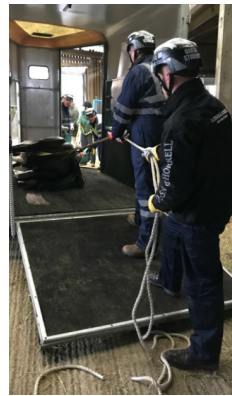
Multi-use Large Animal Rescue Education Unit

The Horse Trust is the World's Oldest Horse Charity. For over 130 years our Home of Rest for Horses has specialised in providing retirement and respite for working horses and ponies from the Army, Police, Royal Mews and charities such as Riding for the Disabled Association. We also provide sanctuary to horses, ponies and donkeys who have suffered from cruelty or neglect and who are in desperate need of specialist treatment. It is at our Home of Rest for Horses that we demonstrate best practice and deliver professional training in horse welfare and equine rescue techniques. We have invested in funding veterinary research that has led to major advances in horse care. This training and research helps develop the knowledge and skills needed to improve the care, welfare and quality of life of all horses.

Multi-use large animal rescue education unit



The Horse Trust in partnership with BARTA (British Animal Rescue and Trauma Care Association) has developed bespoke equine rescue training courses to meet the needs of the Police, Highways England, the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS), veterinary professionals and frontline agencies dealing with equines in crisis. We currently deliver award-winning and industry-leading training from The Horse Trust's site in Buckinghamshire for emergency responders, which provides them with the skills needed to deal with horses during frightening and life-threatening situations. There is a clear need to target more professionals and communities to disseminate the



theoretical and practical education and skills required to safely rescue equines from compromising situations, ensuring the wellbeing of the public, responders and the animal. Therefore, we would like to purchase a multi-use large animal rescue education unit which can travel around the country delivering this vital training to more people than ever before. This unit will be fast, mobile and fully demountable and will be specifically designed with trusted and lead manufacturer Alfa Drop Box.

This project is fundamental in promoting the importance of safe large animal rescue amongst a huge variety of people and educating vital populations in improving welfare, promoting safer rescue and protecting livelihoods. Skills taught during our courses place an emphasis on reducing anxiety and minimising further stress by having an awareness of how horses or large animals react during dynamic and frightening situations. They then apply these skills practically by approaching and catching loose horses, moving horses that cannot be caught and rescuing a recumbent horse, all whilst considering the horse's natural instincts and how they learn to protect both the people and animals involved. The education unit would enable us to travel around the country reaching and teaching more people than ever before.

Additionally, this versatile and multi-use vehicle could be used as an equine and large animal ambulance, as the same equipment is required both for the training of rescue and the rescues themselves. Currently equine ambulances are not well equipped to deal with trauma on-site meaning the horse or large animal needs to be taken back to a trauma centre for treatment. However, with the innovative pod design, this vehicle would bring trauma care to the animal which gives them the best possible chance at survival.

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