

Arabian Horse Foundation Established

Foundation aims to support a broad range of equine-related issues.

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The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) has introduced a new Arabian Horse Foundation to meet the growing needs of the Arabian horse community. The foundation will fund previously unsupported areas, such as general education, equine research and disaster relief. Donors will have the option to designate their contributions to a particular category.

“This foundation will provide, for the first time, a way for donors to select how they want their gift to be used,” says Larry Kinneer, Foundation President. Under the previous structure of the foundation, youth scholarships were the only donor option, and will remain a donation option in the new Arabian Horse Foundation. “Funding our youth remains a priority,” Kinneer says.

Board members decided on the new categories partly based on recent events. “The fires in Southern California in 2007 displaced approximately 4,000 horses. And no one can forget the devastation that Hurricane Katrina caused to both humans and horses. Each of these tragic events left horses without homes, food and water, and in need of medical attention. In the future, when such catastrophic events occur, the Arabian community will have a presence in helping through the Arabian Horse Foundation,” Kinneer says.

When asked about the other categories previously unsupported, Kinneer added, “Research into equine health-related needs has always been important to our breed as well as the entire equine community. We can now focus our financial support, particularly toward genetic problems or ailments that are unique to our breed. And, seeking every opportunity to educate the public about how wonderful Arabians are is always high on our priority list.”

Myron Krause, President of the Arabian Horse Association, states, “The new foundation broadens the scope of service opportunities for the Arabian Horse Association. We will now have a philanthropic discipline within our association, allowing Arabian and Half-Arabian enthusiasts to contribute to areas they feel are important.”

For more information, visit www.arabianhorsefoundation.org.