

QUALITY OF LIFE EVALUATION



OWNER AND HORSE INFORMATION

My horse's name:		My name:	
My vet's name:		Date:	

1. MY HORSE'S CURRENT CONDITION

What is the chronic condition/disease/injury that is prompting me to consider my horse's quality of life?	
How long has my horse had this condition/disease/injury?	
Is a full or partial recovery possible?	

2. TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Is treatment or a care plan available for the condition/disease/injury?	
How invasive will the treatment be?	
How long will my horse have to undergo treatment for?	
Can my horse's pain be managed effectively?	
What is the success rate of the proposed treatment?	
Is the proposed treatment suitable for my horse as an individual?	
Do I have the appropriate facilities, time, finances and expertise or support to effectively provide the treatment or care plan for my horse?	
Does my horse's temperament allow him/her to cope with the necessary recovery period?	

3. EXISTING CONDITIONS

Does my horse have (other) existing conditions or health concerns? What are they?

Will my horse's existing conditions or their treatment/management impact on the current problem, or will treatment for the current problem impact on them?

What is the prognosis for my horse's existing conditions?

4. OBSERVATIONS

Have I noticed any changes in my horse's behaviour, habits or general health recently?

Different eating/drinking habits?

Difference in whether he/she is interested in their environment?

Difference in the way they interact with herdmates or handlers?

Difference in how active they are? Lying down more/less, reluctant to roll, not visiting all usual areas of the paddock?

5. VET ADVICE

What is my vet's advice regarding the long-term prognosis for my horse?

What is my vet's advice and/or recommendation regarding my horse's quality of life? Is it ethical to continue treatment or would it be kinder to consider euthanasia?

6. DAILY CARER'S ADVICE

What do I/the daily carers think about my horse's current quality of life?

What do I/the daily carers think my horse's quality of life might be like in the future?

7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

I have made a care plan with/without my vet which suits me and my horse. I'll continue to monitor him/her closely and will need to call the vet again if I see the following things happen:

7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT (CONTINUED)

I'll need to think about quality of life evaluation again if I see the following things happen:

I feel like euthanasia might be the kindest thing for my horse. I will read the fact sheet about creating an end-of-life plan.

CARE PLAN

Things to think about:

- Management
- Daily care
- Medication/treatment
- Next vet visit
- Length of time on current plan

My horse's care plan:

My horse's care plan (continued):



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