



# Canadian Society for the Andalusian Horse

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## **Suggestions for Emergency Care and Estate Planning for Your Horses**

We've all heard of stories where life takes a sudden turn for the worse and someone is left either temporarily or even permanently unable to take care of their horses. In many of these cases, the horses have suffered because their futures were not addressed in their owners' estate planning and/or friends/families/attorneys/executors didn't know what to do with them. I know... this isn't a fun topic... but here are a few ways to make sure that your four legged friend are cared for should something happen to you:

- Carry an alert card in your wallet – right up front by your driver's licence - stating that you have horses that need care. On the card, provide the contact information for people with whom you have prearranged emergency and/or long-term care of your horses with. The Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse has a great card here:  
[http://www.prehorse.org/assets/programs/Foundation\\_ICEcard.pdf](http://www.prehorse.org/assets/programs/Foundation_ICEcard.pdf)
- Include your horses' care and future care/ownership in your legal Will – horses are considered property (assets) just like cars, houses, jewelry, etc. Consider whether your beneficiaries, spouse, children or other heirs are truly willing or knowledgeable enough to manage the care of your horses before willing your horses to them.
- Join the Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse's Peace of Mind Program:  
[http://www.prehorse.org/Programs/peace\\_mind.lasso](http://www.prehorse.org/Programs/peace_mind.lasso)
- Life insurance is a useful way to support your horse's care. Life insurance "creates" property when you die and is the most cost-effective way to fund long-term care costs for your horses. Consult a lawyer or life-insurance agent about the correct way to name the a trustee or trust as a beneficiary.