

## **UNWANTED HORSES**

What is an unwanted horse? It is a horse that is no longer wanted by their current owner because the horse is old, injured, sick, unmanageable, fails to meet the owner's expectations, or the owner is no longer able to financially afford the keep of a horse.

Who is responsible for unwanted horses? All of us.

Top 10 reasons for horses becoming unwanted in order of popular response (from the 2009 Unwanted Horses Survey by the Unwanted Horse Coalition):

- could no longer afford the horse
- horse was too old
- horse was injured
- horse was unmanageable
- lost interest in owning a horse
- change of employment status
- no longer had a use for the horse
- horse did not meet expectations
- no longer had time to spend with the horse
- horse was sick

Source: <http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/unwanted-horse-survey.pdf>