

Safer Horse Rescues Veterinary Reimbursement Claim Form

The Safer Horse Rescues initiative was established to improve safety and efficiency at rescues involving horses. In most cases when you are called to assist the emergency services the owner will be present or you will easily be able to trace them after the event for payment of fees. There are however some instances when the owner cannot be traced or if found, may refuse to pay the vet's fees. BEVA created the Safer Horse Rescues list to ensure that the absence of an animal's owner does not preclude the immediate attendance of a vet when the horse is injured or in distress following an accident or entrapment.

If you have been left with unpaid fees following your attendance at a rescue, you may qualify for reimbursement through our Equine Rescue Fund. We would however ask that you follow your usual debt collection procedures before contacting BEVA.

The BEVA fund is limited to cover reasonable costs when you attend a rescue. The aim is that practices are not left out of pocket, but by the same principal, the fund should not be contributing to profit. We have developed some basic guidelines for the costs we aim to reimburse, following consultation with a group of vets on the register. Please note that this is a guide and that we do assess each claim individually:

- Payment for vet's time at the current LVI rate (£72.53 per hour) including travel time and attendance.
- Mileage at 45p per mile
- Vet purchase price of drugs (including VAT), plus 15% to cover costs of storage etc.

Upon registering your practice with us a senior member of your team agreed to the following: *I/we agree to my/our practice being included in the BEVA Safer Horse Rescues list and understand that a claim for my/our fees may be submitted to the BEVA fund in the event of the owner being untraceable and that all reasonable avenues of revenue recovery have been pursued. The fund will cover the cost of my/our attending the incident and the immediate treatment or euthanasia and each claim will be assessed individually by a BEVA appointed panel.*

Before making a claim please read the following instructions and follow those that most closely resemble the incident you wish to claim reimbursement for:

Route 1	Route 2	Route 3
1. You have attended an emergency incident where the horse owner was not present. After making enquiries in the area you have been able to identify the owner.	1. You have attended an emergency incident where the horse owner was not present. After making initial enquiries the owner cannot be traced.	1. You have attended an emergency incident where the horse owner was present or able to be contacted, but they refuse to pay for sedation and/or treatment.
2. Invoice the owner and follow your usual debt collection procedures if payment is not forthcoming.	2. Enlist the services of your local BHS welfare office, Horsewatch or if the rescue involved a transporter from the PRP Rescue Services network, they may be able to help. Please use their office contact details in non-urgent cases: 01488 657650	2. Explain why you were called by the emergency services and what treatment you administered to help facilitate a safe and efficient rescue and why this course of action was necessary. Invoice the owner and follow your usual debt chasing procedures if payment is not forthcoming.

If after 12 weeks, you have not been able to obtain payment from the owner via normal debt recovery procedures, please complete page 2 of this claim form and return it to the BEVA office with copies of correspondence with the owner.

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We wish to make a claim for reimbursement of veterinary fees from the Equine Rescue Fund

Practice name

Address

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Telephone

Fax

Email

Contact name

Date and time of the incident

Location of incident

Please provide the name of the regional Fire and Rescue Service that called you to the incident

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Please provide details of the incident (i.e horse trapped in a ditch)

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What treatment did you provide/drugs administered

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Have you been able to contact the owner? Yes No

What steps have you taken to secure payment from the owner? (See page 1 for guidance, please attach copies of correspondence with owner)

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Amount of claim: £.....

Signed Date

PAYMENT DETAILS

Bank name Account no.

Sort code

Once completed please return to the BEVA office:

BEVA Office

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