



Welfare Funding Opportunities

*Support the Welfare of American
Saddlebreds*



The ASHBA Welfare Committee

—founded in the mid-1990s by Bruce Hanson—was one of the first breed associations to prioritize equine welfare. Today, it remains a driving force behind life-saving efforts for American Saddlebreds in crisis.

Why Your Support Matters

Unlike other committees, Welfare does not receive funding from membership dues. That means every program, every emergency, every rescued horse is supported entirely by donations from people like you.



Your contribution helps us:

- ✓ Provide Emergency Grants to 501(c)(3) organizations in crisis
- ✓ Award the Bruce Hanson Welfare Grant to projects making real impact
- ✓ Support Rescue Classes, the Home for Life Network, and educational outreach
- ✓ Be the ONLY horse breed committee ever honored with the USEF/EQUUS Humanitarian Award

Programs You'll Help Sustain



EMERGENCY GRANTS

Helping legitimate rescues deal with sudden, unforeseen challenges like natural disasters or equipment failure.



BRUCE HANSON GRANT

Honoring Bruce Hanson's legacy by funding long-term welfare efforts nationwide.



HOME FOR LIFE NETWORK

Connecting horses with former owners and breeders committed to offering them a lifelong safety net.



RUXER RESCUE CLASSES

Recognizing rescued Saddlebreds and their caretakers in the show ring.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Teaching owners what to do when they can no longer care for their horse—and how to prevent cruelty before it starts.

Over **\$32,000** in grants awarded in **2025** to support Saddlebreds in need.

Recognized for Compassion

We are proud to be the only breed-affiliated committee to receive the USEF/EQUUS Foundation Humanitarian Award—a reflection of the tireless, often unseen work we do on behalf of Saddlebreds everywhere.

JOIN THE EFFORT

The ASHBA Welfare Committee works quietly, behind the scenes, to make sure no Saddlebred is forgotten.

But we can't do it alone.

Every dollar you donate goes directly toward helping horses in need.



Donate now and be part of a legacy of compassion, responsibility, and lifelong care.



"Equine welfare has always been a top priority of the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association and a point of pride in our industry."

— ASHBA Welfare Statement