



HETI Ethics

GUIDELINES TO SERVICE
PROVIDER AND EQUINE
WELFARE

Introduction

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Creation of the HETI Ethics

- HETI's mission is to facilitate worldwide collaboration in EAA, and EAT between individual members and organisations
- Two year process of a taskforce with different background
- Not intended to replace national guidelines
- Not replacing best practice
- Can be translated upon agreement with HETI
- HETI equine welfare advisory committee
 - Assists members to assess the Ethical guidelines to the practice

- Moral compass
- Sense what is right/ wrong for professional practice and welfare of equines
- Cohesive sense of direction for professional practice
- And to local laws and regulations
- Primary focus: Service users, families, equines and co-workers



*I SERVICE
PROVIDER*



*1.3 Service
provider five
fundaments*

1. Do no harm

2. Respect

3. Integrity

4. Competence

5. Accountability

1.3.1

1. *Do no harm*

Prevention of harms; meaningful oversight and prevention

Act immediately, resolve problems, report wrongdoing

Provide service that enables optimum health and personal growth

1.3.2

2 *Respect*

- Respect rights of all
- Act in a manner free of bias
- Service user's choice
- Informed consent: topics to be covered
- Appropriate privacy
- Workplace kindness and consideration

1.3.3

3 Integrity- service providers are obliged to

- Conduct in a way that does not discredit profession and industry
- Be honest and accurate, avoid misleading
- Treat others in a fair and transparent manner, honour professional commitments
- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Avoid dual relationship

1.3.4

4 Competence

Be honest of qualifications and scope of practice

Recognize limits

Have qualifications, training or demonstrable experience to services they offer

Know procedures, actions and processes they are competent to perform- transparency

Maintain updated professional skills

Continuous professional development (CPD)

1.3.5

5 Accountability

- Written policies available for inspection
- Ensure visitors with policies
- Insurance cover
- Written records
- Workplace with ethical principles discussed



2 EQUINE WELFARE

- 2.1 Service providers responsibility is to take care that
 - Equines are not subject to any form of abuse, neglect or distress. Welfare of the animals must be protected by the service provider
 - Interactions between equines and clients must be properly supervised and structured to benefit both
 - Those interacting with equines have practical knowledge and competencies to uphold equine welfare



*2.2 Five provisions/
Welfare Aims
paradigm
(Mellor 2016)*

These guidelines are influenced by national and local laws, customs, cultures and regulatory environments.

1. Good nutrition
2. Good environment
3. Good health
4. Appropriate behaviour
5. Positive mental experience