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## **Enrolling as a Collaborative Farm in Our Network**

### **What is a licensed animal rescue?**

We use licensing for animal rescue as a requirement for incoming collaborative farms. Because we serve the entire New England area, this helps us know that a farm applying for financial support from us has met certain basic safety criteria, as verified by an animal welfare agent of the respective New England state in which the farm is located.

### **How it works**

If you haven't already done so, apply to your state for a license, pay a nominal fee, and an agent will come out and inspect your facility. When they confirm eligibility requirements are met, they'll award your certificate of verification.

### **What it means**

Licensing means that you have an adequate facility for accommodating animals. It doesn't mean that you're opening the floodgates to take in any more horses than you want. And it doesn't mean that you're converting from a boarding operation -- or any other business -- to anything else. It just means that, should you take in an animal, your state allows you to do so -- and some states, in fact, will provide some support for your doing so for animals they find that you choose to take in. It also means that, for us, you've met the first filter for working together. Now it makes sense for a representative of Northern Lights Horse Rescue to come and meet you, which is the final step for your becoming a collaborative farm that's eligible to receive assistance from us. Then you're in position to enroll an individual horse, so that you can receive reimbursement for expenses directly related to the care and retraining of that horse.

### **How do I get a license?**

See the animal rescue licensing application for your respective state:

- Maine: [http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_welfare/forms.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/forms.shtml)
- New Hampshire: <http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/animal-industry.htm>
- Vermont: [http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal\\_health/registrations\\_licensing/shelter\\_rescue](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal_health/registrations_licensing/shelter_rescue)
- Massachusetts: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/shelter-and-rescue/>
- Connecticut: <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1367&q=259098>
- Rhode Island: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/agricult/pdf/shelterlic.pdf>

### **Enrolling in Northern Lights Horse Rescue**

To apply for enrollment, send a copy of your license along with the application you'll find at our site under Programs > NLHR Network. We look forward to collaborating to end equine suffering!