



WSSH Animal Welfare Position Statement

Western States Stock Horse is committed to the humane and proper treatment of all animals.

In the respect:

- The welfare of the horse is the primary consideration in all activities
- Horses will be treated with kindness, respect and compassion at all times
- Responsible care will be used by all parties in handling, treatment and transportation of horses
- Horse men and women as owners, exhibitors, and trainers will ensure the health and well-being of animals in their care at all times
- In ASHA classes or activities that involve the use of cattle, WSSH strives to safeguard the welfare of the cattle as well as the welfare of both the horses and riders
- The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted animal husbandry standard and equine care, training and exhibition procedure would determine to be neither cruel, abusive or inhumane.

Based on these principles, WSSH has developed and enforces rules to ensure ethical competition and humane treatment of horses. WSSH supports the development of procedures that assure equity, fairness, safety, health, and welfare of all participants.

WSSH Disclaimer of Responsibility for Safety

WSSH and ASHA does not assume responsibility for safety of participants at clinics and competitions or other events it sanctions.

Safety is a concern of everyone, but WSSH and ASHA does not assume responsibility for it. WSSH and ASHA's limited purpose for sanctioning or approving an ASHA event is to promote education and positive fair competition and evaluation.