



# 2025 IMPACT REPORT

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on 2025, one word rises above all others: impact. This year reminded us—once again—why Sound Equine Options exists and how critical a strong, compassionate community safety net is for horses and the people who love them.

In 2025, Sound Equine Options took in 72 horses, making it our second-highest intake year on record. The only year that surpassed it was an extraordinary outlier, when a single large-scale seizure brought 63 horses into our care at once. What makes 2025 especially significant is not just the number of horses who needed help, but why they needed it.

For the first time in our organization's history, 61% of our intakes came from owners over the age of 70. These were not neglect cases rooted in disregard, but in reality—aging bodies, declining health, fixed incomes, and limited options. As people age, we are increasingly concerned about the growing number of horses owned by seniors who deeply care for their animals yet lack accessible resources, long-term planning support, or viable rehoming pathways. This is an emerging crisis, and it underscores the importance of proactive, community-based solutions for aging horse owners and their horses.

At the same time, there is hope—and it is powered by people like you. In 2025, we celebrated a record number of adoptions, moving more horses than ever before from uncertainty into safe, permanent, and loving homes. Each adoption represents a future changed, a burden lifted, and a life given the dignity it deserves.

None of this work happens in isolation. It happens because a community comes together—donors, volunteers, fosters, adopters, veterinarians, and advocates—united by compassion and a shared commitment to equine welfare. Your support ensures that when horses have nowhere else to turn, Sound Equine Options is there with expertise, empathy, and action.

On behalf of the horses whose lives you changed and the people who found hope through our programs, thank you. Your generosity fuels our mission, strengthens our impact, and helps us face the challenges ahead with resolve and optimism. Together, we are creating safer outcomes for horses today—and a more sustainable future for tomorrow.

With deepest gratitude,

*Kim Mosiman*

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Executive Director, Sound Equine Options

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## OUR MISSION IN ACTION

### Mission:

**To create positive, lasting change to ensure every horse is safe, healthy, and valued by caring for neglected, abused, and at-risk equines, while providing leadership, support, and education to owners, the community and law enforcement.**

At Sound Equine Options, our mission guides every decision we make and every horse we help. We exist not only to rescue horses in crisis, but to address the root causes of neglect and abuse—working toward a future where fewer horses ever need saving.

### Caring for At-Risk Equines

We provide immediate, lifesaving care to horses suffering from neglect, abuse, or abandonment. This includes emergency veterinary treatment, nutritional rehabilitation, farrier care, and the patient daily handling needed to help horses physically and emotionally recover. Each horse is treated as an individual, with care plans tailored to their unique needs and long-term well-being.

### Creating Lasting Change

Rescue is only the first step. Our goal is lasting impact—helping horses heal, regain trust, and transition into safe, appropriate long-term placements whenever possible. For horses who cannot be adopted due to age, medical needs, or trauma, we commit to lifelong sanctuary and compassionate care.

### Leadership, Education, and Support

We believe prevention is just as important as intervention. Sound Equine Options works alongside horse owners, community members, and law enforcement to provide education on responsible equine care, early intervention strategies, and humane outcomes. By sharing knowledge and resources, we help strengthen the safety net that protects horses before situations become critical.

### A Community-Driven Mission

Our impact is made possible through collaboration—foster homes, volunteers, veterinarians, donors, and partners who share our belief that every horse deserves safety, dignity, and respect. Together, we are building a more informed, compassionate community where horses are valued not only in moments of crisis, but for a lifetime.

***This is our mission in action—and it is changing lives, one horse at a time.***



# HORSE STATS

## TOTAL OF 121 HORSES HELPED IN 2025

Started 2025 with 49 horses under our care.

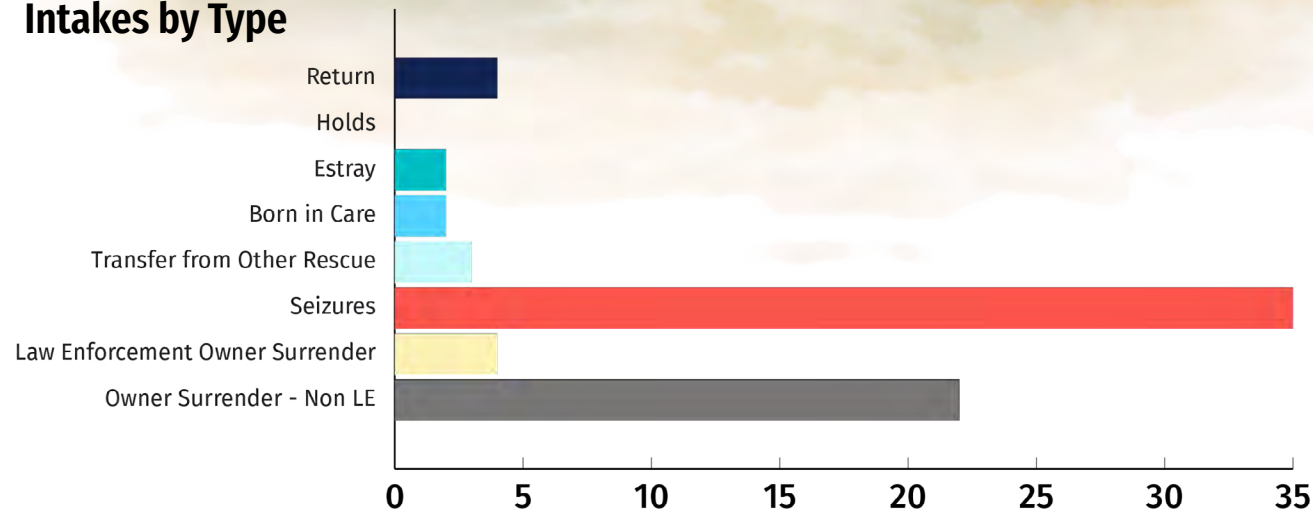
72 horses entered.

52 horses exited.

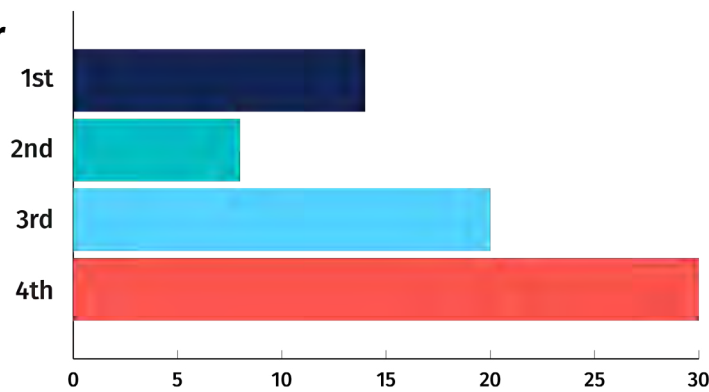
Ended the year with 69 horses.



### Intakes by Type

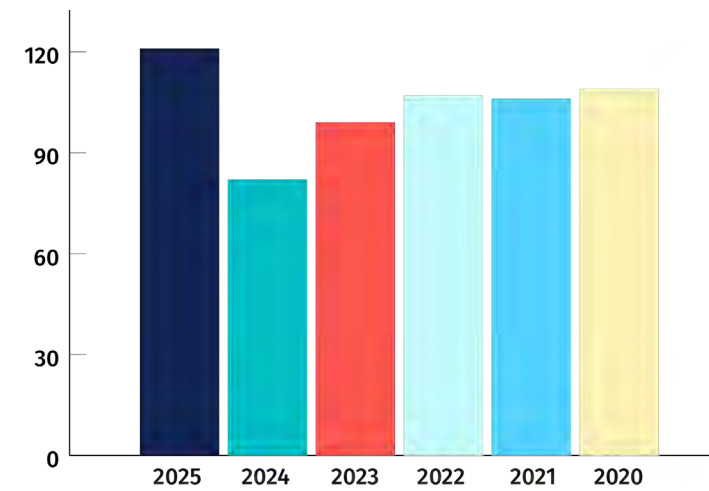


### Intakes by Quarter



# HORSE STATS

## Number of Horses Helped All Year



Average Cost Per Horse  
**\$3,325**



## HOW INTERVENTION SAVED PEANUT: A HORSE RESCUE STORY

When life gets difficult, small care slips can quickly add up to horse suffering. That was the case with Peanut.

His previous owner had faced overwhelming challenges—the death of his wife, a personal battle with cancer, and caring for a failing elderly mother. Amid these hardships, Peanut was left in a pasture with two other horses, where he was likely pushed away from hay by more dominant animals. On top of that, he hadn't received dental care in years, leaving a giant sharp hook tooth that scraped his gums with every bite.

### These seemingly minor lapses in care created serious consequences:

Peanut became severely malnourished, weak, and in pain. Horses in these conditions often suffer silently, their discomfort and declining health going unnoticed until it reaches a critical point. This is exactly why having dedicated equine welfare advocates is so important. Without intervention, horses like Peanut can endure prolonged suffering from malnutrition, dental disease, and social stress in herd settings. SEO ensures that no horse falls through the cracks, and that each horse's health, nutrition, and emotional well-being are promptly assessed and treated.

Fortunately, a concerned neighbor made the call that led to a welfare check. Peanut and a pasture mate were brought into our care. Over the past few months, Peanut has received quality nutrition to rebuild his strength, the first of several dental treatments to correct years of neglect, and a plan for gelding to improve his long-term health and behavior. With four months of consistent TLC, proper feeding, and veterinary care, Peanut is now on the path to recovery and a healthier, happier life.

Every story like Peanut's underscores the importance of vigilance, compassionate intervention, and community awareness. By supporting SEO you help ensure that horses who might otherwise suffer in silence get the care, attention, and respect they deserve.



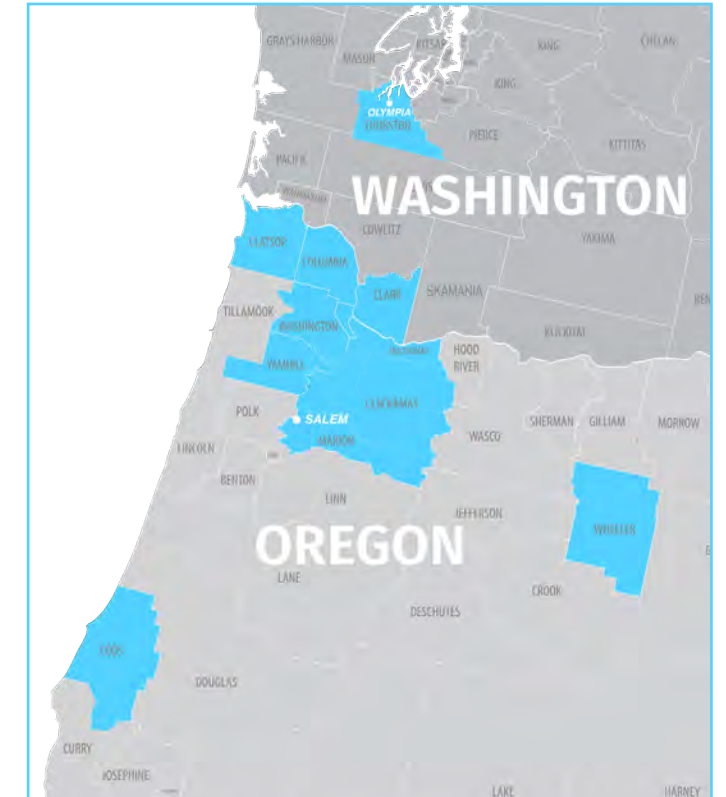
## PARTNERING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Annual Law Enforcement Seizures

Nationwide Annual Average	8.38
SEO	34

### Law Enforcement Organizations

- Clark County Animal Control
- Clark County Sheriff's Department
- Columbia County Animal Control
- Marion County Sheriff's Office
- Multnomah County Animal Services
- Oregon Humane Society
- Oregon State Patrol
- Yamhill County Sheriff



## A GROWING CHALLENGE: AGING OWNERS AND AGING HORSES

One of the most pressing challenges facing equine welfare today is the rapidly increasing number of horses owned by the elderly. As longtime horse owners age, many encounter unexpected health issues, financial strain, or reduced physical ability—making it difficult to continue providing the level of care horses require. In 2025, for the first time in our organization’s history, more than 55% of the horses we took into care came from elderly owners. These were not cases of intentional neglect, but situations where circumstances changed faster than support systems could respond.

### When Owners Age, So Do Their Horses

With aging owners often come aging horses. Many of the horses entering our program are seniors themselves—requiring specialized veterinary care, senior nutrition, and ongoing management for chronic conditions.

### By the end of 2025:

- 23 horses under our care were over the age of 20
- 9 of those horses were 25 years or older

Senior horses are among the most vulnerable in rescue. They are less likely to be adopted, more costly to care for, and often arrive with a lifetime of wear that requires patience, experience, and compassion.

### The Impact on Rescue Resources

The increasing intake of senior horses places significant strain on rescue capacity. These horses stay in care longer, need more medical oversight, and require long-term foster or adoptive homes willing to meet their unique needs. At the same time, the growing demographic shift suggests this challenge will continue—not just for Sound Equine Options, but for equine rescues nationwide.

### A Call to Care: Adopt a Senior Horse

Senior horses still have so much to give. Many are calm, well-trained, emotionally resilient, and deeply bonded to human connection. Adopting a senior horse can be an incredibly rewarding experience—offering comfort, companionship, and dignity during a horse’s later years.

By choosing to adopt or foster a senior horse, you are not only changing that horse’s life—you are helping ensure that rescue resources remain available for future horses in crisis.

As the landscape of equine ownership changes, our commitment remains the same: to ensure every horse, at every age, is safe, healthy, and valued.



## HEROES BEHIND THE SCENES: OUR FOSTER FAMILIES

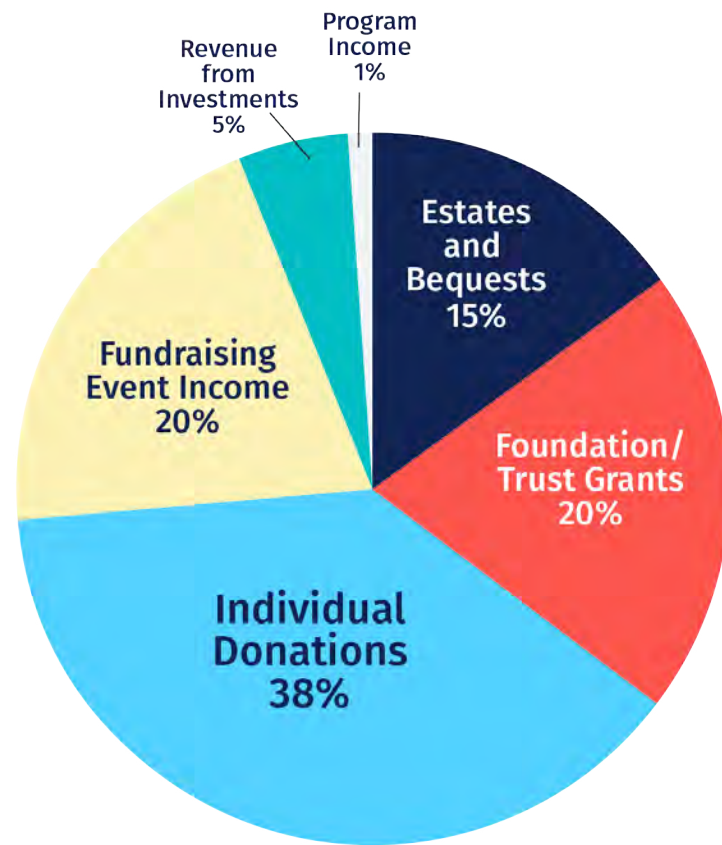
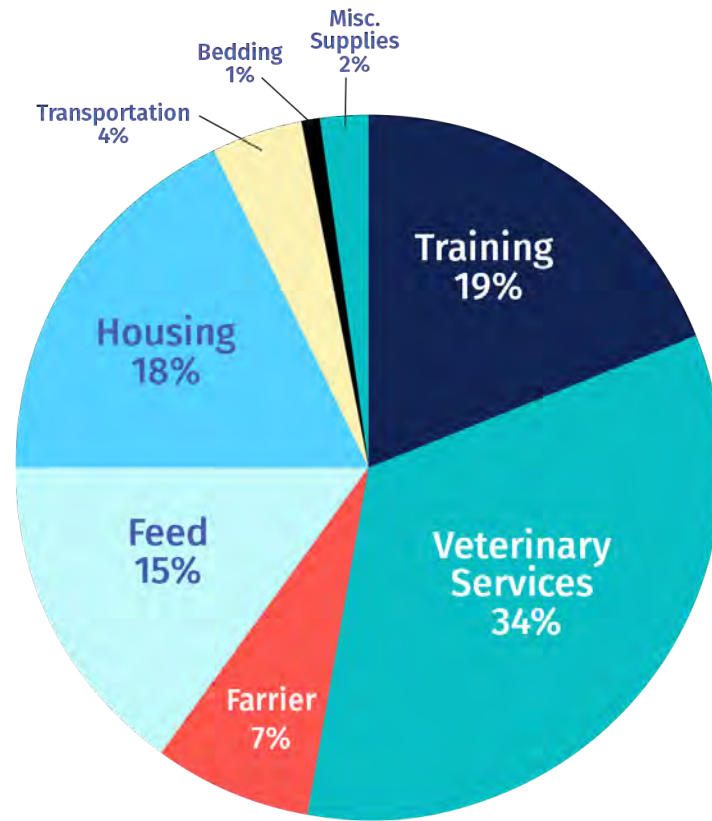
Equine foster homes are at the heart of our rescue mission. Thanks to the generosity of individuals and barn groups, we are able to extend care to more horses than ever before. These dedicated foster families provide not only daily care and a safe environment but also help our horses build trust, confidence, and comfort on the ground and around humans. Each foster home becomes a stepping stone for a horse’s recovery—helping them heal physically and emotionally, and preparing them for their next chapter. Without this network of compassionate supporters, our ability to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome horses in need would be far more limited.



## FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

### Horse Expenses

Training	19%
Veterinary Services	34%
Farrier	7%
Feed	15%
Housing	18%
Transportation	4%
Bedding	1%
Misc Supplies	2%



### Revenues

Estates and Bequests	15%
Foundation/Trust Grants	20%
Individual Donations	38%
Fundraising Event Income	20%
Revenue from Investments	5%
Program Income	1%

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Fundraising	G&A	Program	Total
Animal Care & Adoption			\$272,653	\$272,653
Fundraising	\$34,413			\$34,413
Admin & Operating Support	\$4,981	\$41,061	\$27,447	\$73,489
Wages & Benefits	\$56,133	\$33,367	\$155,863	\$245,363
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,527</b>	<b>\$74,428</b>	<b>\$455,963</b>	<b>\$625,918</b>

Your support helped provide more than  
**39,000 meals**  
 to horses in 2025.



## LEGACY GIVING

### Turn a lifetime of love for horses into lasting protection

Bequests—gifts left through a will or estate plan—allow supporters to extend their compassion beyond their lifetime. These gifts provide long-term care, safety, and sanctuary for horses in need.

We steward each legacy with care, ensuring that the horses who depend on us are protected today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

If you've ever wanted to make a lasting impact, a legacy gift is a powerful way to ensure horses are never forgotten.



## OUR DONORS: THE HEART OF SOUND EQUINE OPTIONS' IMPACT

The donors listed below made every rescue, recovery, and second chance possible in 2025. Your generosity directly supported lifesaving equine rescue, rehabilitation, and long-term care through Sound Equine Options. Because of you, horses in need received safety, compassion, and hope. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to responsible equine welfare and lasting impact.

### Visionaries – \$10,000 and above

David P. Watson Foundation	Carol Ann Larson Charitable Fund	Natural Horsemanship Fund
Barbara Ellison	Harry J. Losey and Gladys J. Losey	Angela Roach
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	Jessica and John Overbaugh	

## Grassroots Supporters – \$1 to \$249

We are deeply grateful to our 352 additional grassroots supporters who each gave between \$1 and \$249; while space does not allow us to list every name, their collective generosity contributed an incredible \$28,966 in support of our mission.



# HORSE WELFARE STARTS WITH HUMAN UNDERSTANDING



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