

Dear Valued Starwood Equine Client,

Facing the end of life of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences any of us can imagine. Preparing an advance directive eases the task of making critical decisions in a time of grief and provides a plan to follow, ensuring that final wishes are met.

In an unexpected emergency or life-threatening situation involving your horse, Starwood Equine makes every effort possible to reach you. In the event you cannot be contacted, designating someone who will be available to make medical, financial, and possibly euthanasia decisions on your behalf is crucial. We encourage you to share this with your emergency contact, veterinarian and barn manager, and to provide them with a copy of your Advanced Directive once completed.

Please find attached, an Advanced Directive Template to complete.

Best,
Starwood Equine Veterinary Services

Advanced Directive

Owner Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Veterinarian: Starwood Equine Veterinary Services Phone: 650-275-3091

Horse: _____

Age/DOB: _____ Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

ACTING AGENT(S):

___ The agent listed below will be able to make **all decisions regarding veterinary care.**

This includes permission to refer horse to Equine Surgical/ Medical Hospital if deemed necessary by primary veterinarian (referral costs usually start at \$5,000) and humane euthanasia in the event that you are unreachable and your horse is suffering inhumanely.

___ **For decisions regarding veterinary care, I wish to be contacted.**

___ **If I cannot be reached,** I appoint the agent listed below to act on my behalf.

___ I authorize veterinarians employed by Starwood Equine as agents to authorize humane euthanasia, in the event you and your emergency agent are unreachable and your horse is suffering inhumanely.

Emergency Agent Name: _____ Phone: _____

additional contact information: _____

Owner Intentions (should your horse become injured or ill and you are unable to be reached):

Hauler info for transport to referral hospital:

Is the horse a candidate for colic surgery? (Cost usually starts at \$12,000). YES or NO

In the event your horse is euthanized, what arrangements should be made?

Private cremation (\$1200+) or removal (\$250+)

Do you wish to keep a memento (such as a shoe or piece of mane or tail)?

FINANCES:

____I authorize **any amount necessary** for the treatment of my horse.

____I authorize **a maximum of \$_____** to be used towards my horse's care.

Insurance Company:_____ **Policy Number:**_____

Agent Name:_____ **Phone:**_____

Type of Policy (Major Medical, Mortality, SmartPak ColiCare, etc.):

Signature

Printed Name

Date