

WILDNESS SCALE

Assessing degree of 'wildness' of an equine herd

The following questionnaire will allow the degree of wildness of a herd to be calculated.

The questionnaire is designed to assess any equine, including Przewalski's horse.

In order to assess where an equine herd is on this WILDNESS SCALE, from EXTREMELY DOMESTICATED to EXTREMELY WILD:

1. Select ONE mare (or ONE gelding or ONE stallion, if applicable) from the herd that you wish to assess.
2. The selected equine MUST represent (BE TYPICAL OF) the herd to which it belongs.
3. The selected equine should be minimally 6 years old.
4. The selected equine should be maximally 8 years old (or as close to this age as possible).
5. The owner / breeder / overseer must know the selected equine's entire history accurately.

SECTION A: DETAILS OF HERD

1. Name of Breeder / Owner / Overseer: _____
2. Address of Breeder / Owner / Overseer: _____
3. Name of pony or horse society / association (if applicable): _____
4. Name of breed (if applicable): _____
5. Name of herd (if applicable): _____
6. Name of representative equine (if applicable): _____
7. (a) Age of representative equine (years & months): _____ (b) Sex: _____
8. Precise usual location of equine: _____
9. (a) Number of potentially breeding mares in herd: _____ (b) Number of non-breeding mares in herd: _____
(c) Number of stallions in herd: _____ (d) Number of geldings in herd: _____ (e) Number of foals (up to
1 year old): _____ (f) Number of fillies (1-3 years old): _____ (g) Number of colts (1-3 years old): _____
10. Contact telephone number (optional): _____

In all remaining questions, you have a choice of answers.

Please select ONE option that BEST applies.

Put a CROSS (X) through the number of that option (or at the end of that option).

Please answer EVERY question if you can, to allow a WILDNESS SCORE to be calculated.

If you cannot answer a question, please leave that question blank. Add a comment.

SECTION B: WILDNESS QUESTIONS

Q1. How long has the equine been owned?

- 1 From birth to present _____
- 2 From some time after birth to present _____
- 3 From birth for a period of time, but not now owned _____
- 4 Never owned _____

Q2. What does the equine eat?

- 1 Only factory-produced food and / or hay _____
- 2 Mainly factory-produced food, supplemented by naturally growing grass(es) _____
- 3 Mainly factory-produced food, supplemented by a variety of naturally growing vegetation _____
- 4 Mainly hay, supplemented by naturally growing grass(es) _____
- 5 Mainly hay, supplemented by a variety of naturally growing vegetation _____
- 6 Mainly naturally growing grass(es), supplemented seasonally by hay and factory-produced food _____
- 7 Mainly a variety of naturally growing vegetation, supplemented seasonally by hay and factory-produced food _____
- 8 Mainly naturally growing grass(es), supplemented seasonally by hay only _____
- 9 Mainly a variety of naturally growing vegetation, supplemented seasonally by hay only _____
- 10 Only a variety of naturally growing vegetation _____

Q3. How often does hay or factory-produced food supplement the equine's diet?

- 1 For nine to twelve months each year _____
- 2 For six to nine months each year _____
- 3 For three to six months each year _____
- 4 For up to three months each year _____
- 5 In emergency situations only (e.g. illness, injury, extreme weather) _____
- 6 Never _____

Q4. Where was the equine born?

Approximate areas:

1 acre = 64 metres x 64 metres. 10 acres = 200 metres x 200 metres. 100 acres = 635 metres x 635 metres. 1,000 acres = 2010 metres x 2010 metres. 10,000 acres = 6360 metres x 6360 metres.

- 1 Inside a building (e.g. foaling box) _____
- 2 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter _____
- 3 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with natural shelter only _____
- 4 In a field or paddock of 1 to 10 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____

- 5 Within an area of 10 to 100 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 6 Within an area of 100 to 1,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 7 Within an area of 1,000 to 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 8 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded wholly or partly by man-made boundaries _____
- 9 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural boundaries only _____

[Note: For Questions 5-8, If the equine has (or had) more than one grazing area, please cross EACH option and indicate the period (months) next to each option.]

Q5. What is the equine’s present grazing area throughout the year?

- 1 Inside a building or restricted to an area without natural vegetation _____
- 2 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter and rotational grazing _____
- 3 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter _____
- 4 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with natural shelter only _____
- 5 In a field or paddock of 1 to 10 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 6 Within an area of 10 to 100 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 7 Within an area of 100 to 1,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 8 Within an area of 1,000 to 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 9 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded wholly or partly by man-made boundaries _____
- 10 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural boundaries only _____

Q6. In what environment did the equine live for months 1-6 of its life?

- 1 Inside a building or restricted to an area without natural vegetation _____
- 2 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter and rotational grazing _____
- 3 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter _____
- 4 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with natural shelter only _____
- 5 In a field or paddock of 1 to 10 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 6 Within an area of 10 to 100 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 7 Within an area of 100 to 1,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 8 Within an area of 1,000 to 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 9 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded wholly or partly by man-made boundaries _____
- 10 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural boundaries only _____

Q7. In what environment did the equine live for months 7-12 of its life?

- 1 Inside a building or restricted to an area without natural vegetation _____
- 2 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter and rotational grazing _____
- 3 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter _____

- 4 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with natural shelter only _____
- 5 In a field or paddock of 1 to 10 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 6 Within an area of 10 to 100 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 7 Within an area of 100 to 1,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 8 Within an area of 1,000 to 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 9 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded wholly or partly by man-made boundaries _____
- 10 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural boundaries only _____

Q8. In what environment did the equine live for the second year of its life?

- 1 Inside a building or restricted to an area without natural vegetation _____
- 2 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter and rotational grazing _____
- 3 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter _____
- 4 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with natural shelter only _____
- 5 In a field or paddock of 1 to 10 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 6 Within an area of 10 to 100 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 7 Within an area of 100 to 1,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 8 Within an area of 1,000 to 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 9 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded wholly or partly by man-made boundaries _____
- 10 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural boundaries only _____

Q9. When might there be (or has there been) routine (usual) human intervention?

- 1 For shoeing / hoof care or any vaccinations or worm / bots / fluke treatments _____
- 2 For any vaccinations or worm / bots / fluke treatments (but not for shoeing / hoof care) _____
- 3 Only for any of micro-chipping, other identification procedure or genetic testing _____
- 4 Never _____

Q10. When might there be (or has there been) non-routine (unusual) human intervention to prevent distress?

- 1 For any of foaling, if the equine is in danger from physical geography or due to illness (including dental decay and minor injury) _____
- 2 Only after severe injury and at near death _____
- 3 Only at near death _____
- 4 Never _____

Q11. To what extent was there planned breeding of the equine?

- 1 Bred for specific characteristics that are not related to living outside throughout the year _____
- 2 Bred partly for specific characteristics that will allow the pony to live outside throughout the year _____

- 3 Bred only for specific characteristics that will allow the pony to live outside throughout the year _____
- 4 No planned breeding (no intervention) by any breeder _____

Q12. In what environment has the equine's dam (mare) lived for the first year of her life?

- 1 Inside a building or restricted to an area without natural vegetation _____
- 2 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter and rotational grazing _____
- 3 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with man-made shelter _____
- 4 In a single, fenced field or paddock of less than one acre, with natural shelter only _____
- 5 In a field or paddock of 1 to 10 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 6 Within an area of 10 to 100 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 7 Within an area of 100 to 1,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 8 Within an area of 1,000 to 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural or man-made boundaries _____
- 9 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded wholly or partly by man-made boundaries _____
- 10 Within an area exceeding 10,000 acres, surrounded by natural boundaries only _____

Q13. How much time did the equine spend with its sire (stallion) during the first year of its life?

- 1 0 months _____
- 2 0 to 6 months _____
- 3 6 to 12 months _____

Q14. What is the current training / handling status of the equine?

- 1 Fully trained for specific human purpose(s) _____
- 2 Partially trained for specific human purpose(s) _____
- 3 Untrained but handled for specific human purpose(s) (e.g. during breeding, 'conservation grazing') _____
- 4 Untrained and unhandled _____

Q15. How often has the owner or overseer handled the equine during the last 2 years?

- 1 Very frequently (every day) _____
- 2 Frequently (most days of the year) _____
- 3 Often (at least one day each week, but not every day) _____
- 4 Occasionally (at least one day each month, but not every week) _____
- 5 Rarely (at least three days each year, but not every month) _____
- 6 Very rarely (one or two days each year) _____
- 7 Never (no confirmed contact or no owner) _____

Q16. How often has the equine seen or heard the owner or overseer during the last 2 years?

- 1 Very frequently (every day) _____
- 2 Frequently (most days of the year) _____
- 3 Often (at least one day each week, but not every day) _____
- 4 Occasionally (at least one day each month, but not every week) _____
- 5 Rarely (at least three days each year, but not every month) _____
- 6 Very rarely (one or two days each year) _____
- 7 Never (no confirmed contact or no owner) _____

Q17. What was the closest distance between the equine and human(s) other than the owner or overseer during the last 2 years?

- 1 Within 5 metres _____
- 2 5-50 metres _____
- 3 50-100 metres _____
- 4 100-500 metres _____
- 5 Greater than 500 metres _____

Q18. How often has the equine seen or heard any human(s) apart from the owner or overseer during the last 2 years?

- 1 Very frequently (every day) _____
- 2 Frequently (most days of the year) _____
- 3 Often (at least one day each week, but not every day) _____
- 4 Occasionally (at least one day each month, but not every week) _____
- 5 Rarely (at least three days each year, but not every month) _____
- 6 Very rarely (one or two days each year) _____
- 7 Never (no confirmed contact or no owner) _____

Q19. What was the closest estimated distance between the equine and any human equipment (e.g. car, quad bike, tractor, helicopter) during the last 2 years?

- 1 Within 10 metres _____
- 2 10-50 metres _____
- 3 50-100 metres _____
- 4 100-500 metres _____
- 5 Greater than 500 metres _____

**Q20. Was more than 90% of the equine's herd born to parents and grandparents that have
(i) existed in an untamed ('extremely wild') state
AND
(ii) not been subject to any routine handling?**

1 No _____

2 Yes _____

COMMENT(S): _____

TO SUBMIT COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE

Completed questionnaires may be submitted by email: equine-wildness@hotmail.com