



THAL EQUINE Demonstrates Commitment to Unwanted Horses

*Local veterinarian teams up with **THE HORSE SHELTER** to provide vaccines for horses in need*

Santa Fe, New Mexico. Thal Equine has taken a stand in support of unwanted horses by participating in the Unwanted Horse Veterinary Relief Campaign (UHVRC). As part of the outreach program, equine veterinarians help rescue and retirement facilities provide healthcare for America's unwanted horses.

The Horse Shelter in Cerrillos, New Mexico has directly benefited from the program. The facility, which provides care for approximately forty horses, recently received core equine vaccines thanks to the support of American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) member Doug Thal. Thal supported The Horse Shelter's UHVRC application to obtain vaccines to protect these horses against West Nile Virus, Rabies, Eastern and Western encephalomyelitis, rhinopneumonitis, influenza and tetanus.

"Tens of thousands of horses end their days unwanted or unneeded," says Georgia Smith, director of the shelter. "Our equine rescue center relies on the generosity of our supporters. Not only do we depend on them – our horses do as well. We want to thank the Thal Equine for making a difference in the lives of so many of our horses. Having Thal on board in conjunction with the UHVRC is fantastic news for equine welfare."

About the UHVRC

Established in December 2008 by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health and the AAEP, the UHVRC is committed to protecting the health of unwanted horses by donating equine vaccines to qualifying equine rescue and retirement facilities. Since January, the UHVRC has aided more than 1,400 horses across the country.

Equine rescue and retirement facilities are required to work with an AAEP-member veterinarian to complete and submit an application, the facilities checklist and the equine vaccine order form to receive complimentary Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health equine vaccines.

Three of Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health's equine vaccines are available through the UHVRC program: PreveNile[®] West Nile virus vaccine; EquiRab[™] rabies vaccine; and Prestige[®] V (KY93, KY02 and NM2/93 flu strains, EHV-1, EHV-4, EEE, WEE and tetanus).

Equine facilities that follow the AAEP Care Guidelines for Equine Rescue and Retirement Facilities and have a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status are qualified to receive support from the UHVRC. To download an application and the AAEP Care Guidelines or to learn more about the UHVRC visit:

www.UHVRC.org.

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Since Dec.1, 2008, a portion of all Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health equine vaccine sales has gone to support the UHVRC. To learn more about Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health's full line of innovative, high-quality, equine-health products, visit www.intervetusa.com.

About THE HORSE SHELTER

Founded in 1999, the Horse Shelter's mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and facilitate the adoption of abused, neglected and abandoned horses in New Mexico. www.thehorseshelter.org.

About AAEP

The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, the AAEP reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its nearly 10,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry.

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