



RESCUE EQUINE SHOWING SOCIETY
AFFILIATION FORM 2025



<u>CLASSIFICATION - see below for class wording</u>	<u>PLEASE - Tick</u>
<u>OPEN IN HAND</u>	
<u>OPEN RIDDEN</u>	

Name of Show _____

Date(s) of Show _____ Show Venue _____

Show Secretary _____ Address _____

Post Code _____ Telephone _____

Email _____ Website _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Please note that signature implies acceptance of all conditions of Affiliation.)
There is no affiliation fee to pay but please return this form to:
admin@rescueequineshowingsociety.com

CONDITIONS OF AFFILIATION:

All Affiliated Shows **MUST** agree to abide by the following conditions of Affiliation:

1. Shows must include in their final schedule the following wording: “This Show is affiliated to The Rescue Equine Showing Society final taking place at the Equifest, **Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 6th August to Saturday 9th August 2025.** The two highest exhibits not already qualified in each affiliated class will qualify.”
2. A draft copy of the schedule must be forwarded for approval before the schedule is sent to print. A copy of the final schedule must be received at least 2 weeks before the date of the Show. Judges should be chosen from the Rescue Equine Showing Society panel - available on request
3. Shows must incorporate the correct wording for affiliated classes into their schedules.
4. Individual members and organisers of Affiliated Shows **MUST** have Public Liability Insurance for an adequate limit of indemnity – according to the size and nature of the event.
5. All Affiliated Shows must comply with all appropriate regulations relating to Health & Safety requirements, provision of medical services and fire precautions. It is the responsibility of the Show Organisers to ascertain from the appropriate authorities the extent and nature of these obligations. The Organisers must ensure the Health & Safety of all persons, whether they are organisers, exhibitors or members of the public – or any other person who may be affected whilst at the event.
6. Please note – the number of qualifiers will be limited – and will be allocated according to geographical distribution and the date received. Please do not print the final schedule until confirmation of qualifiers has been received.
7. Qualifiers for the final at Equifest will run from the 1st August 2024 - 30th July 2025. Shows held after this date will be qualifiers for Equifest 2026.

REASONS TO AFFILIATE TO THE RESCUE EQUINE SHOWING SOCIETY FOR 2025

1. We have **no** affiliation fee.
2. We require no membership fee for horse or rider..
3. Equifest is still one of the leading Shows in the UK and what a Showcase for our Rescue Equines

CORRECT WORDING FOR QUALIFIERS

The two highest placed exhibits not already qualified will qualify for the Rescue Equine Society Final to be held at Equifest, Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire on the 6th August to the 9th August 2025

1. OPEN IN HAND

Open in Hand: Any age, type, breed. Mares with foal at foot are not permitted. No exhibit under the age of one year may be exhibited on its own.

2. OPEN RIDDEN

Open Ridden: Any type or breed, four years of age and over. Can include Lead Rein and First Ridden (will not be included in the initial go-round). All riders must be the appropriate height / weight for their equine.

Definition of Rescue:

1. Any equine that is adopted, fostered, under a guardianship scheme from any National Equine Welfare Council registered Charity (NEWC).
2. Any equine that has been adopted, fostered, under a guardianship scheme from any other equine charity (must be registered with the Charity Commission).
3. Any equine that has been 'independently' rescued by an individual. There must be supporting evidence (photographic, veterinary) that will be included in the 'Rescue History' for the equine, to demonstrate their rescue status.

Mark System:

The mark system is designed to reward those equines that have the strongest rescue history and most dramatic 'transformation'. Marks are awarded as follows:

Rescue History and Transformation - 60%

Performance - 40%

In the event of a tie, the Rescue History and Transformation takes precedence. All entries are asked to provide, on entry to the class, a written 'Rescue History', detailing the background and history of the equine. Also, to be included are 'before' and 'after' photographs. This will be for the Judge to discuss with the competitor during the Judging of the Class and marks awarded accordingly. (A template for the layout for this Rescue History can be found on the Rescue Equine Showing Society website).

Judges:

We fully appreciate that Shows need to be able to utilise Judges as efficiently as possible to make costs manageable. However, we are very conscious that welfare and transparency of those officiating Rescue Classes is of great importance, as is an understanding that many of the competitors are very likely to be new to competition and most equines will be novices. Due to the Mark System and the emphasis on the 'Rescue History and Transformation' ideally, due to time, it is more efficient to have two Judges, one for each mark section. However, we appreciate that at this stage it is hard to predict class sizes and initially it

should be manageable for one Judge. RESS have drawn up a provisional Judges list, which covers the UK, but if a Show has arranged Judge's for forthcoming Shows we are happy to discuss who they already have officiating. We also have a very good Committee, many of whom are established Judges and are happy to assist if required.

Rule Book and Judges / Stewards Guidelines:

A rule book and guidelines will be provided to any Show's that affiliate. These will also be provided to Judges.

Mark Sheets:

Mark Sheets will be provided to affiliated Shows.

Rosettes:

Qualifying Rosettes will be provided to affiliated Shows (not class rosettes).