



## Phoenix Advice

### What can you do when spotting a neglected or maltreated equine?

- Make sure it is actually neglected or maltreated. Does it have company, are the hooves well maintained, does it have grass and/or hay, does it show signs of illness or injuries, is there any kind of shelter? If a horse is thin, but there is plenty of food, it could mean he is just very old.
- Find out who the owner is; your mairie should know this. Take pictures of the animal(s).
- Talk to the owners, as often they are not unwilling, just ignorant. Or go the mairie to explain the situation, as they are legally responsible for the welfare of the animals.
- You can also contact the gendarmerie, especially if the animal is severely wounded, try your local SPA representative or the nearest vet.
- If all of this doesn't work, there are several organisations who might be able to help you, either locally or nationwide. Please note that the more details you can provide on the equine and its circumstances, the better they might be able to help!

Here is a list:

[www.ashafrance.org](http://www.ashafrance.org) (English, works in Aquitaine)

[www.equinerescuefrance.org](http://www.equinerescuefrance.org) (English, based in Dordogne)

<http://www.fondationbrigittebardot.fr> (French with local representatives)

[www.chem.fr](http://www.chem.fr) (Centre d'herbergement et de protection des equidés maltraités)

[www.bonheurdeschevaux.free.fr](http://www.bonheurdeschevaux.free.fr) (French, situated in Lot&Garonne)

**DDCSPP** (Direction Departmental de la Cohesion Sociale et de la Protection des Populations - Services Veterinaire or Service Veille Sanitaire Animale et Matrise des Risques Environnementaux) – find your local branch on the Internet.

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