



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

BECAUSE WE CAN'T TURN THEM AWAY

Rescued Shetland's hoof

Healthy hoof shape

Spring Appeal 2026

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### WHEN THE CALL COMES, A HORSE CAN'T WAIT.

**WE NEED** to act quickly, not tomorrow, not next week, but in that moment, when it matters most. In those first few hours we provide sanctuary, expertise, veterinary care and the immediate support that will determine what happens next.

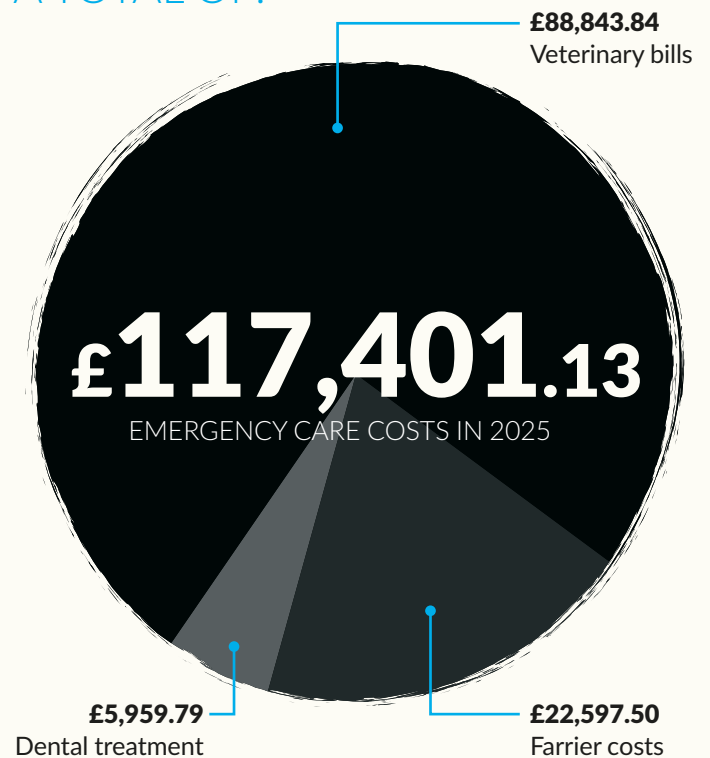
#### WHY WE ARE ASKING NOW

These are challenging times for everyone. The cost of caring for horses continues to rise sharply. Fuel prices are driving up the cost of veterinary medicines, transport and essential supplies. Hay and straw are harder to source. Everyday costs from bedding to utilities continue to increase.

At the same time, we are receiving more calls for help. Most of our limited funds are rightly committed to the horses already in our care but when urgent cases arise, we must still be able to respond quickly, carefully, and in the horse's best interests.

That is why we are launching an Emergency Response Fund to ensure that, even in difficult times, we can be there for horses in immediate need.

### IN 2025 WE SPENT A TOTAL OF:



Any funds raised above the emergency response costs will be used to care for over 100 rescued horses here at HorseWorld. Thank you for your support.

**These costs are expected to rise in 2026.**



# EMERGENCY RESCUE OF TWO SHETLAND PONIES

**£2,612.60**  
TOTAL RESCUE COST  
SO FAR

**HORSEWORLD'S EQUINE** Welfare Advisor, Meg Challinor describes the emergency rescue of two Shetland ponies.

"When the call & initial photos came in from the RSPCA, I knew we had to act fast. Within 40 mins we were onsite with the emergency vet. I knew immediately they had been suffering for a long time. Their hooves had grown so badly that the bones inside their feet had shifted. Their joints had begun to collapse. Every single step they took was clearly absolutely agonising. They needed to be removed immediately".

With expert guidance from our vet and farrier, and careful assessment to ensure no prolonged or unnecessary suffering, we believe they have a good chance of a long, healthy and comfortable future.

Right now, they are on strong pain relief and living in a sand paddock which provides soft cushioning for their healing hooves. With specialist farriery, on-going veterinary care, and our expert support, we will be there for the months to come, so they have a second chance at a meaningful life.

*Please help us be ready*

**WE WANT** to be there for every horse in crisis and give them the same chance.

Your support today will help us build our Emergency Response Fund, so that when the next call comes, we can act without delay.

- **£25** could contribute to transport costs to bring them home
- **£50** could pay for initial treatment
- **£100** could help fund immediate veterinary care

Or whatever you feel able to give.

Because in these moments, the right care – at the right time – makes all the difference.

**PLEASE DONATE TO OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND TODAY.**

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