



Saying goodbye to your beloved horse is never easy. The contribution they make throughout their lives is immeasurable. The void they leave is tangible. Through the University of Glasgow EMP you can make their final contribution a meaningful and lasting one.



Educational Memorial Programme (EMP)

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The loss of a horse is often a difficult life event and can cause a profound sense of loss and grief. Their memories, their characters and the immeasurable contribution they make to our sporting, social and family lives are unique. Throughout their life, the care and understanding of veterinary surgeons helps keep our animals in good health. Donating to the University of Glasgow School of Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine (SBOHVM), Educational Memorial Programme (EMP) can provide an opportunity to support the training of future vets, inform healthcare of present and future horses and to honour the memory of your much-loved horse.

The Educational Memorial Programme

The University of Glasgow, SBOHVM is dedicated to producing highly skilled, experienced and compassionate veterinary surgeons and nurses. Donating your horse's body to the Glasgow EMP supports the training of future vets and helps further the knowledge of diseases affecting animals. In human medicine, people donate their bodies to science after their death. This altruistic and invaluable act supports the training of healthcare professionals and study of human disease. Similarly, donations of horses' bodies to veterinary schools are highly valued; their contribution to animal healthcare is considerable. Donated horses can be used for

- Anatomical examination – teaching veterinary students about the structure and function of organs in horses.
- Pathology training – tuition on the mechanisms behind diseases and the changes caused in the body.
- Advancing animal healthcare – information gathered during post-mortem examinations may be included in approved studies by clinicians at the SBOHVM which aim to improve our knowledge of disease affecting horses.

The staff and students of the SBOHVM recognise that each donation is a unique and irreplaceable gift; every animal is treated with dignity and respect.

Please take time to consider donating to the Glasgow EMP. It is an immensely worthwhile programme, investing in and supporting the veterinary surgeons of the future. If you would like further information, please talk to your veterinary surgeon about this good cause.

What happens when the time comes to donate my horse's body?

When the time comes to say farewell to your horse, your veterinary surgeon will carry out the euthanasia procedure in the usual manner. You will be asked to complete and sign the Glasgow EMP consent form. Following this, your veterinarian will contact the relevant SBOHVM staff to arrange transportation of your horse's body to the school. If your horse is still alive and you transport it to the veterinary school, we will euthanise the horse at the Glasgow Equine Hospital and Practice (Weipers Centre) for free; this cost will be covered by the University.

Please note that the SBOHVM does not currently provide transportation for live horses or equine bodies. You may therefore be required to organise your own transport.

If your horse passes away at home and you wish to donate the body to the EMP, please contact your veterinary surgeon for guidance.

Your vet may ask permission to share your horse's medical history with the SBOHVM staff to provide information that will enhance the learning experience of the students. All shared information will be fully anonymised.

What happens afterwards?

Once the post-mortem examination and any teaching using your horse are complete, your horse will be cremated. If you opt for communal cremation, the cost will be covered by the University. Please be aware that you will only be able to have a private cremation (with your horse's ashes returned to you), if you specifically request and pay for this service through your veterinary practice. We will also be unable to provide any information about your horse with regards to the findings of the examination.

How to proceed

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. If you decide to donate your horse's body to the Glasgow EMP you will be asked to read, complete and sign a consent form. Your veterinary surgeon will provide you with one. Please take time to review the information before signing. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Glasgow EMP coordinators at:

Website: www.glasgow.ac.uk/emp
Email: vet-emp@glasgow.ac.uk
Telephone: 0141 330 7768/01413306945

In Memoriam

The staff and students are profoundly appreciative of this precious gift and invite you to contribute a picture of your horse to the Glasgow EMP Memorial Book.

