



CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

SECTION 1. PURPOSE:

Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. Maintenance of its tax-exempt status is important both for its continued financial stability and for public support. Therefore, the IRS as well as state regulatory and tax officials view the operations of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc., as a public trust, which is subject to scrutiny by and accountable to such governmental authorities as well as to members of the public. Consequently, there exists between Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. and its board, officers, and management employees and the public a fiduciary duty, which carries with it a broad and unbending duty of loyalty and fidelity. The board, officers, and management employees have the responsibility of administering the affairs of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. honestly and prudently, and of exercising their best care, skill, and judgment for the sole benefit of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. Those persons shall exercise the utmost good faith in all transactions involved in their duties, and they shall not use their positions with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. or knowledge gained there from for their personal benefit. The interests of the organization must be the first priority in all decisions and actions.

SECTION 2. PERSONS CONCERNED:

This statement is directed not only to directors and officers, but to all employees who can influence the actions of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.; for example, this would include all who make purchasing decisions, all persons who might be described as "management personnel," and anyone who has proprietary information concerning Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc..

SECTION 3. AREAS IN WHICH CONFLICT MAY ARISE:

Conflicts of interest may arise in the relations of directors, officers, and management employees with any of the following third parties:

1. Persons and firms supplying goods and services to Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.
2. Persons and firms from whom Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc leases property and equipment.
3. Persons and firms with whom Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc is dealing or planning to deal in connection with the gift, purchase or sale of real estate, securities, or other property.
4. Competing or affinity organizations.
5. Donors and others supporting Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc
6. Agencies, organizations and associations which affect the operations of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc
7. Family members, friends, and other employees.

SECTION 4. NATURE OF CONFLICTING INTEREST:

A conflicting interest may be defined as an interest, direct or indirect, with any persons or firms mentioned in Section 3. Such an interest might arise through:

1. Owning stock or holding debt or other proprietary interests in any third party dealing with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue
2. Holding office, serving on the board, participating in management, or being otherwise employed (or formerly employed) with any third party dealing with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue.
3. Receiving remuneration for services with respect to individual transactions involving Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.



4. Using Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.'s time, personnel, equipment, supplies, or good will for other than Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc., -approved activities, programs, and purposes.
5. Receiving personal gifts or loans from third parties dealing or competing with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. Receipt of any gift is disapproved except gifts of a value less than \$50, which could not be refused without discourtesy. No personal gift of money should ever be accepted.

SECTION 5. INTERPRETATION OF THIS STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The areas of conflicting interest listed in Section 3, and the relations in those areas which may give rise to conflict, as listed in Section 4, are not exhaustive. Conflicts might arise in other areas or through other relations. It is assumed that the directors, officers, and management employees will recognize such areas and relation by analogy. The fact that one of the interests described in Section 4 exists does not necessarily mean that a conflict exists, or that the conflict, if it exists, is material enough to be of practical importance, or if material, that upon full disclosure of all relevant facts and circumstances it is necessarily adverse to the interests of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. However, it is the policy of the board that the existence of any of the interests described in Section 4 shall be disclosed before any transaction is consummated. It shall be the continuing responsibility of the board, officers, and management employees to scrutinize their transactions and outside business interests and relationships for potential conflicts and to immediately make such disclosures.

SECTION 6. DISCLOSURE POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

Transactions with parties with whom a conflicting interest exists may be undertaken only if all of the following are observed:

1. The conflicting interest is fully disclosed;
2. The person with the conflict of interest is excluded from the discussion and approval of such transaction.
3. A competitive bid or comparable valuation exists; and
4. The Board has determined that the transaction is in the best interest of the organization.

Disclosure in the organization should be made to the Board President (or if she or he is the one with the conflict, then to the Board Vice President, who shall bring the matter to the attention of the Board Disclosure involving directors should be made to the Board President, (or if she or he is the one with the conflict, then to the Board Vice President who shall bring these matters to the Board.

The Board shall determine whether a conflict exists and in the case of an existing conflict, whether the contemplated transaction may be authorized as just, fair, and reasonable to Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. The decision of the Board on these matters will rest in their sole discretion, and their concern must be the welfare of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc., and the advancement of its purpose.



CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

As a member of the board of directors of *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.*, I am committed to *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.*'s goal to establish and maintain the highest level of public confidence in its accountability. I have personally committed to follow the standards set out below, which are a part of *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.*'s conflict of interest policies:

I will conduct my activities with the board of directors of *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.* so that I do not advance or protect my own interests, or the private interests of others with whom I have a relationship, in a way that is detrimental to the interests of, or to, the fundamental mission of *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.*.

In every instance in which I represent *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.*, I will conduct my activities in a manner to best promote the interests of *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.*

In all matters that come before the board of directors for a vote that may favorably impact my own financial interests, or the private interests of others with whom I have a financial relationship, I will reveal that relationship and abstain from a vote in the matter.

When a conflict of interest arises, or when a potential conflict of interest emerges, I will disclose that conflict, or potential conflict, to the Board of Directors of *Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.* or to the President of its board of directors and seek a resolution of that issue.

Name

Signature

Date



CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Preliminary note: In order to be more comprehensive, this statement of disclosure/questionnaire also requires you to provide information with respect to certain parties that are related to you. These persons are termed "affiliated persons" and include the following: a. your spouse, domestic partner, child, mother, father, brother or sister; b. any corporation or organization of which you are a board member, an officer, a partner, participate in management or are employed by, or are, directly or indirectly, a debt holder or the beneficial owner of any class of equity securities; and c. any trust or other estate in which you have a substantial beneficial interest or as to which you serve as a trustee or in a similar capacity.

1. NAME OF BOARD MEMBER: (Please print) _____

2. CAPACITY Board of Directors Executive Committee Officer Committee Member

3. Have you or any of your affiliated persons provided services or property to Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. in the past year? YES NO

If yes, please describe the nature of the services or property and if an affiliated person is involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship with that person:

4. Have you or any of your affiliated persons purchased services or property from Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. in the past year? YES NO

If yes, please describe the purchased services or property and if an affiliated person is involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship with that person:

5. Please indicate whether you or any of your affiliated persons had any direct or indirect interest in any business transaction(s) in the past year to which Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. was or is a party? YES NO

If yes, describe the transaction(s) and if an affiliated person is involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship with that person

6. Were you or any of your affiliated persons indebted to pay money to Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. at any time in the past year (other than travel advances or the like)? YES NO

If yes, please describe the indebtedness and if an affiliated person is involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship with that person:

7. In the past year, did you or any of your affiliated persons receive, or become entitled to receive, directly or indirectly, any personal benefits from Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. or as a result of your relationship with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc., that in the aggregate could be valued in excess of \$1,000, that were not or will not be compensation directly related to your duties to Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. ? YES NO

If yes, please describe the benefit(s) and if an affiliated person is involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship with that person

8. Are you or any of your affiliated persons a party to or have an interest in any pending legal proceedings involving Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. ? YES NO

If yes, please describe the proceeding(s) and if an affiliated person is involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship with that person.



9. Are you aware of any other events, transactions, arrangements or other situations that have occurred or may occur in the future that you believe should be examined by Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.'s Board in accordance with the terms and intent of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.'s conflict of interest policy? YES NO
If yes, please describe the situation(s) and if an affiliated person is involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship with that person.

I HERBY CONFIRM that I have read and understand Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc.'s conflict of interest policy and that my responses to the above questions are complete and correct to the best of my information and belief. I agree that if I become aware of any information that might indicate that this disclosure is inaccurate or that I have not complied with this policy, I will notify Board immediately.

Signature

Date

GIFT POLICY AND DISCLOSURE FORM

As part of its conflict of interest policy, Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. requires that directors, officers and employees decline to accept certain gifts, consideration or remuneration from individuals or companies that seek to do business with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. or are a competitor of it. This policy and disclosure form is intended to implement that prohibition on gifts.

- Section 1.** "Responsible Person" is any person serving as an officer, employee or a member of the board of directors of Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc..
- Section 2.** "Family Member" is a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child or spouse of a child, or a brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister, of a Responsible Person
- Section 3.** "Contract or Transaction" is any agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods, services or rights of any kind, receipt of a loan or grant, or the establishment of any other pecuniary relationship. The making of a gift to Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc. is not a "contract" or "transaction."
- Section 4.** Prohibited gifts, gratuities and entertainment. Except as approved by the Board President or his designee or for gifts of a value less than \$50 which could not be refused without discourtesy, no Responsible Person or Family Member shall accept gifts, entertainment or others favors from any person or entity which:
 1. Does or seeks to do business with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc., or
 2. Does or seeks to compete with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc., or
 3. Has received, is receiving or is seeking to receive a Contract or Transaction with Wild at Heart Horse Rescue, Inc..

GIFT STATEMENT

I certify that I have read the above policy concerning gifts, and I agree that I will not accept gifts, entertainment or other favors from any individual or entity, which would be prohibited by the above policy. Following my initial statement, I agree to provide a signed statement at the end of each calendar year certifying that I have not received any such gifts, entertainment or other favors during the preceding year.

Signature

Date