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## PROCEDURE FOR EUTHANASIA

In the unfortunate event that euthanasia of one of the Club's horses requires euthanasia, the following procedure is to be followed.

1. Is this a planned euthanasia?
2. Is it an emergency eg broken leg?
3. Contact the horse's owners if they are not already present.
4. Make sure owners' preference for euthanasia is followed.
5. If planned euthanasia, make sure it is planned for a quiet time at the yard.
6. Have disposal services ready to take the body away.
7. Take horse / pony to a quiet area, away from general public.
8. Allow only those the horse / pony feels safe and secure with to accompany them.
9. Keep calm at all times around the horse / pony.
10. Allow the professional to do their job swiftly.
11. Cover the body with tarpaulin if disposal services are unable to take the body away immediately.
12. Once the body has gone, wash floor down to remove all traces of blood.
13. Tidy up area.
14. If staff accompanied the horse, allow time for them to get over the upset.
15. If owners were present, make sure they safe to drive before letting them leave the yard.