

The American Endurance Ride Conference (“AERC”) has zero tolerance for equine abuse and animal mistreatment.

A founding principle of our organization is to promote and encourage the care of endurance equines and the prevention of cruelty to animals. Our jurisdiction is limited to equines and individuals having a relationship with AERC. In cases involving abuse or neglect falling outside of our jurisdiction we encourage concerned parties to contact the appropriate legal authorities.

We can confirm that a current AERC member who falls within the jurisdiction of our current Bylaws and the AERC Code of Conduct has been charged by Canadian authorities for “causing distress to an animal under Section 15(1) of the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act.” AERC has no relationship with this person other than membership in AERC.

As part of the Code of Conduct, all members of AERC witnessing or having reasonable grounds to believe that an equine is suffering or has suffered abuse or neglect are obligated to report the activity to AERC for appropriate action. For abuse or neglect cases falling outside our jurisdiction we encourage AERC members and members of the public to report the abuse or neglect to local law enforcement or the appropriate agency.

As AERC learns more, it will be determined what disciplinary action will be taken, if any.