

# The Working Horse in Cuba

Approximately 800,000 Cuban equines are depended on by the majority of the 11 million people in Cuba. Most of the horses, donkeys and mules are used for business activities of some sort. Pulling a cart to deliver food and goods, hitched to a carriage for public transport, or ridden to get their owners to and from school or work are among their many uses. Very few horses are used for pleasure.

Many horses work long hours and get very little in return. Horses very often have to work when injured or ill. People must feed their families and have limited alternatives to using their equine. While working a lame or injured horse can only intensify the problem, the horse owner is frequently faced with the question: Do my children go without or does my horse work? Most often, the horse comes out the loser.



Our goal is to assist Cuban horse owners to keep their horses healthy so they can continue to provide income for their families.

Cubans are warm, generous and humane people who wish to care for their horses in the best way possible, but the continued U.S. embargo and insufficient income has limited their access to medicine, equipment and support services.

Veterinarians that specialize in horses are rare and often unaffordable as the average salary of a Cuban is under \$20 a month. Ivermectin and other dewormers are very difficult to find. Without good deworming programs, horses cannot make the best use of the limited available feeds.

Boots, harness pads, harness parts and bridles are often old and pieced together or made by the drivers with whatever materials are available. As these horses work eight-hour days, well-fitted and padded harnesses are essential to their

comfort and efficiency.

Cuba's Horses knows well that only providing for needs today does not solve the problem. Teaching a man to fish in the long run has more value than giving him a fish. Although ending the shortage of needed equine medicines, quality harnesses, boots and padding is essential to the promotion of equine well being in Cuba, and while these are necessary provisions, education is the true catalyst of change.

Providing owners as well as farriers, veterinarians and other support staff with knowledge is the basis for long term improvement in the lives of the Cuban horse. Cuba's Horses is accomplishing these goals one horse at a time.



# Our Goal



## Get Involved!

### Donate

We accept donations of all types. Monetary donations can be made at PayPal Giving Funds via our site at [www.cubashorses.com](http://www.cubashorses.com).

We need useful items such as splint boots, bits and pads, which we can bring to Cuba. Equine items that we are unable to get to Cuba may be auctioned to raise funds for needed medicines and tack.

Please share our Facebook page, Instagram and website. Spread the word on your social media sites.



## Por favor Involucrarse!

Las necesidades de caballos de Cuba son enormes porque tienen poco acceso a la atención veterinaria, medicamentos, almohadillas y botas, en parte debido al embargo. Por favor, considere hacer una donación. Las donaciones se pueden hacer a través de PayPal Giving Funds a través de nuestro sitio en [www.cubahorses.com](http://www.cubahorses.com).

Comparte nuestra página de Facebook. Difundir la palabra acerca de sus sitios de redes sociales.

Recoge artículos útiles como ferula, botas y mdicines, que puedes enviar fácilmente a Cuba. Aceptamos todo de la donación. Los elementos del equipo que no pueden ser enviados a Cuba pueden ser sabasta para recaudar fondos para los medicamentos y equipos necesarios.

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