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**UNITED STATES POLO ASSOCIATION
 EQUINE DISASTER RELIEF APPLICATION**

DATE: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your payment?

- Check
- Direct Deposit using info on file
- I would like to update or start Direct Deposit

DATE AND LOCATION OF DISASTER: _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS: _____
 (attach additional pages if necessary)

NUMBER OF HORSES AFFECTED: _____

DURATION OF TIME AFFECTED: _____

PLEASE LIST ALL EXPENSES AND INCLUDE COPIES OF RECEIPTS.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT

INVOICE FINAL TOTAL: \$ _____

NO CONTRACT ITEMS IN SOME INSTANCES A SIGNED AGREEMENT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR CERTAIN ITEMS. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY IF ONE IS NEEDED.

PLEASE NOTE THE USPA IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO REPORT CERTAIN TYPES OF INCOME TO THE IRS AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. CERTAIN AGENCIES MAY ALSO REQUIRE WITHHOLDING IN RELATION TO INCOME RECEIVED.

SIGNATURE: _____

APPROVED BY: _____

Polo Pony Disaster Relief Fund Policy

The Distress Fund was developed to provide lifesaving and life changing assistance to horses in immediate need. Our purpose is to have a nominal monetary reserve fund available for the aid of the distressed polo ponies in emergency situations where there is no other immediate means to provide urgent care, feed or supplies.

Catastrophic Scenarios: Fund will be available to provide immediate equine lifesaving monetary assistance contribution to horses in an emergency care situation. This disbursement may be made after evaluation of the imminent need at the sole discretion of the USPA authority such as the Equine Welfare Committee (EWC), Board of Governors (BOG) or the Executive Branch (EB).

Underfed or Neglect Complaint: The fund may be used to provide a last chance solution to aid distressed ponies being denied basic needs for survival (understanding the USPA and EWC in no manner condones the mistreatment or care of any horse for any reason). In the case of an animal welfare complaint or investigation, this fund is meant to provide feed, supplies or veterinary assistance in an extreme situation especially in circumstances that warrant a fear that the horses may be moved or hidden without rectifying the situation. This portion of the fund must meet strict policy guidelines and enforcement. Monies, if any will be paid directly to vendors only and not to individual owners or caretakers. A restitution requirement and membership suspension to USPA members may be implemented if deemed warranted. A time limit to remedy and monitor the situation will be enforced. The EWC Chairman and USPA authority will set forth conditions on a case by case basis.

Disaster Relief: The Fund may provide partial reimbursement of expenses incurred to rescue, relocate, transport, and feed displaced ponies due to natural disasters such as fire, flood, earthquake, sinkhole, hurricane, etc. All reimbursements must be requested in writing with receipts provided and will subject to review and approval. These funds are only to be used to cover expenses incurred as a result of the disaster situation and are not to be used to provide any temporary loss of income caused by the disaster. A specific Disaster Relief form provided by the EWC must be used to request these funds.