



How you can help

Suitable horse

If you have a horse or pony who fits the criteria to help in the RDA program, and you would like to sell, lend, lease or donate to RDAV get in contact with us at info@rdav.asn.au

They will not only be well cared for but very much loved.

Donate to the Horse Fund

Help support the purchase of a horse at one of our many locations. The average RDA horse costs \$5,000, but every dollar counts.

You can donate online at www.rdav.asn.au with the reference Horse Fund.



**We are looking for
suitable horses and
ponies to provide life
changing experiences**



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RDA Victoria recognises the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and is a Child Safe Organisation

RDA horses come from a variety of backgrounds and are specially selected to be calm, patient and obedient with a great temperament for use in riding, carriage driving, therapy and working with children and people with special needs.

Happy, healthy horses are the cornerstone of our RDA programs and horse welfare and safety are a primary focus. Our Coaches and volunteers are trained and experienced horse managers.

Each RDA Centre aims to have a variety of horses and ponies of different sizes to best cater to the needs of their individual clients.



What we're looking for

1. Temperament

Quiet and unflappable

- Able to tolerate traffic, strange sights and sounds, unusual mounting techniques and spasmodic movements and the ability to cope with a variety of riders.
- Responsive – must move forward freely and be easy to stop and steer.
- Kind and friendly on the ground – easy to catch, groom and saddle. Tolerates people and other horses close by.

2. Soundness

Horses must be sound, sure-footed and able-bodied in order to carry riders who may be unbalanced and quite a dead weight on a horses' back.

3. Size Range

Most commonly suitable horses are between 12 to 15.2 hh, for ease of mounting/dismounting at the ramp or block, and for side walkers to provide support. However, smaller or taller horses are also needed.

4. Age range

Recommended 8 to 18 years, preferably with exposure to multiple and diverse environments.

All horses are subject to vet checks, assessed for suitability and must undergo a trial period prior to being accepted into the program.

At the end of their RDA working life, our horses and ponies, wherever possible, are returned to previous owners, or we seek to retire them to pasture at good homes.