

Dr. Emily Weiss  
Vice President of Equine Welfare  
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Dr. Emily Weiss was named the vice president of Equine Welfare for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) in 2017. In this role, Weiss oversees the strategic direction of the ASPCA Equine Welfare program, which is part of the ASPCA's Anti-Cruelty Group and includes the organization's participation in The Right Horse Initiative, a collective of industry professionals and equine welfare advocates working together to improve the lives of horses in transition by increasing training opportunities for horses and promoting adoption as a preferred method for acquiring a horse.

Weiss has been with the ASPCA since 2005 and previously served as vice president of its Research and Development team. In that role, she created innovative, life-saving programs, including shelter animal assessment tools such as the Meet Your Match Canine-ality, Puppy-ality and Feline-ality. She also led ASPCA research aimed at challenging long-established beliefs that had restricted animal welfare improvements. She is co-editor of *The Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science* and has published and lectured extensively in the field of applied animal behavior.

Weiss has extensive experience working with zoos, shelters and barns as a behaviorist and scientist, has a strong understanding of the equine field, and has owned and trained horses most of her life.