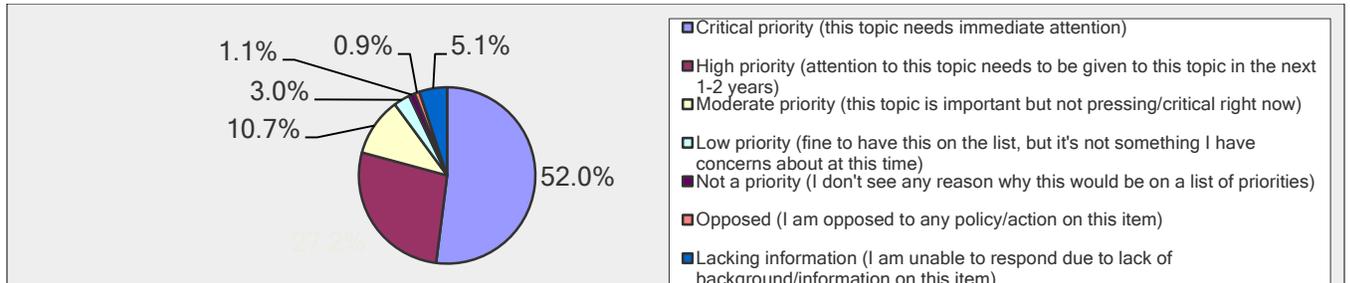


NYS Equine Industry Policy and Program Priorities

Selected results from 2014 Survey: 60% or more of 1800 respondents rated the following as critical to high priorities.

Equine Welfare

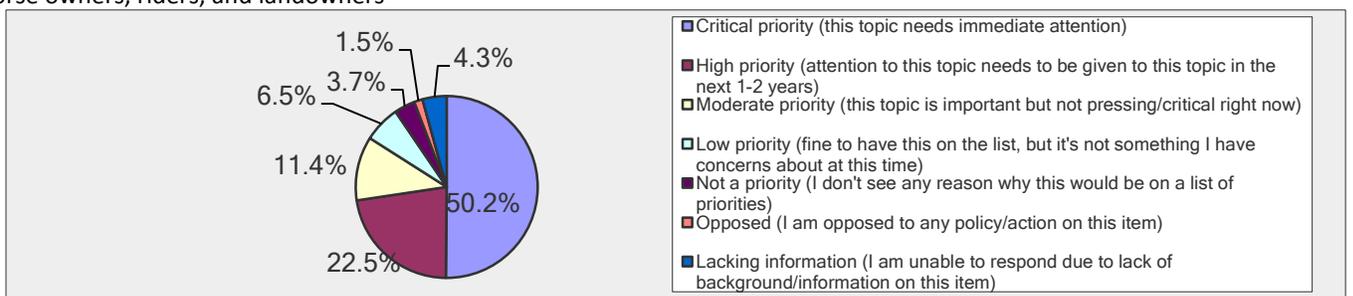
- ✓ Developing policies that ensure **higher penalties** for those who violate policies (Federal, State, and/or NYRA) relating to equine use and welfare.



- ✓ Policy and additional programming should be developed to increase efforts in **placing retired race horses** into second careers.
- ✓ Developing statewide uniform standards and procedures for **equine care and seizure** to protect both horses and owners.
- ✓ Reviewing state laws regarding **minimum care standards** for equine to determine areas for improvement including penalties for violations.
- ✓ Developing programs to support the operation of **privately funded equine rescues** who provide, entirely at the owner's discretion, an alternative to equine slaughter.
- ✓ Developing additional **training programs for animal control officers** in the area of equine care, welfare, and handling (similar to that found in legislation pertaining to the 'Training and Certification of dog control officers').
- ✓ Developing a program through the Department of Agriculture and Markets to **accredit equine rescue facilities** along with establishing a **database of accredited rescues**.

Inherent Risk

- ✓ **Passage of legislation that recognizes the inherent risks of equine activities** to establish reasonable guidelines to protect horse owners, riders, and landowners

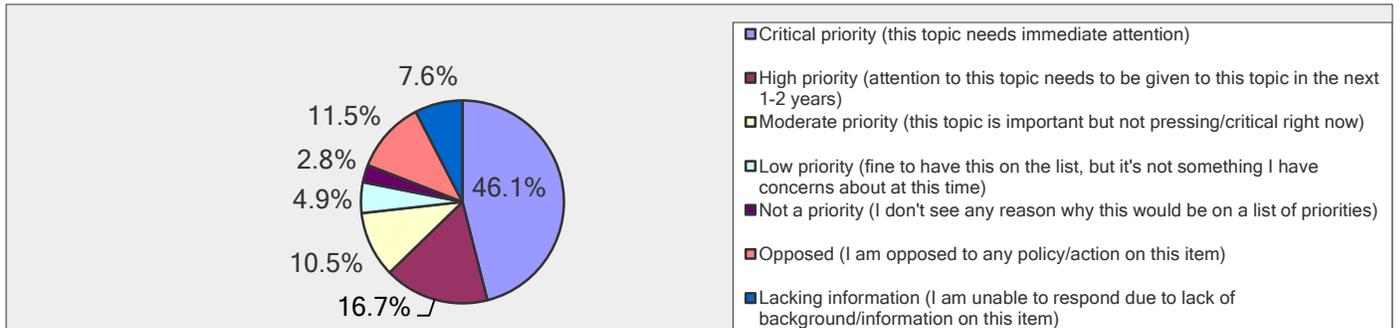


Equine Health

- ✓ **Maintaining Government funding** for equine programs at the Cornell University Veterinary College and Diagnostic Laboratory.
- ✓ To offset the high cost of tuition for veterinary students, developing a policy for **loan forgiveness programs** for veterinarians who agree to practice in rural areas that struggle to maintain veterinary services.

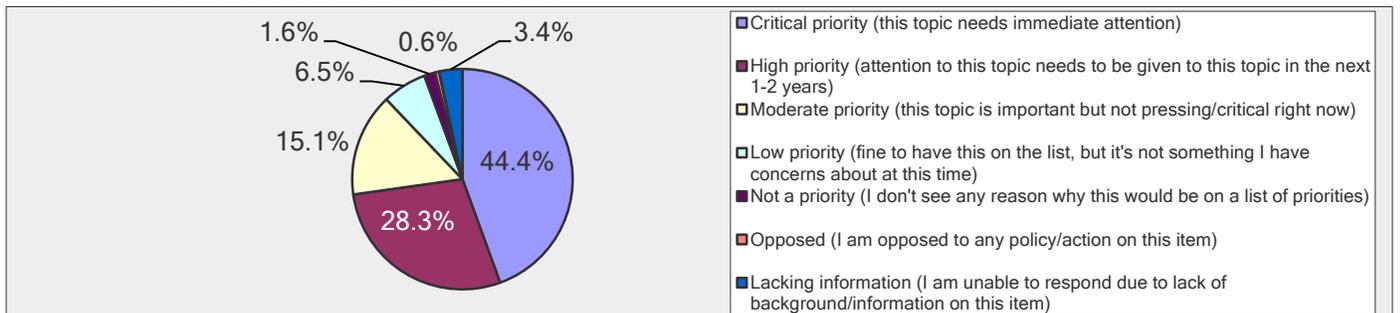
Carriage Horses

- ✓ Legislation **should not be enacted to ban the use of carriage horses in NYC** or any other location throughout the state.



Trails

- ✓ Developing policy for both proposed and existing trails, on state, county and local lands, which are now considered multiple use, (hikers, bicyclists, skiers, snowmobilers and horseback riders) **to preserve them without any attempt to restrict horseback riders from these trails.**



- ✓ Developing a program to **secure and advance horse trails** at the town, county, state and federal levels in open space and recreation plans in New York State.

Business Operations

- ✓ Presence of legislation making all services provided by commercial horse boarding and training operations **exempt from sales tax.**
- ✓ Developing legislation for commercial equine operations to receive the **current commercial agricultural sales tax exemption and the ten year real property tax exemption on new farm buildings**
- ✓ Developing policy and procedures to **create and fund an equine industry promotion/ marketing campaign** to educate the public on the importance of the equine industry to the NY economy.
- ✓ Developing a **single information area on the internet** that would contain information and links to current and proposed policies, legislation, and procedures important to operators on NY equine businesses.
- ✓ Developing **outreach programs and incentives to retain the involvement of youth** in order to ensure that the industry has a next generation of equine business owners/operators.
- ✓ The Governor, along with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, should address the importance of the horse show and recreational facets of the equine industry through press releases and encouragement **of inclusion of the equine industry in promotional programs such as 'I Love NY' and 'Pride of NY'.**

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