



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY – FORT CAVAZOS  
80<sup>TH</sup> & ENGINEER DRIVE, BUILDING 4297  
FORT CAVAZOS, TEXAS 76544-4752

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27 July 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7000

SUBJECT: Retirement of Military Working Equid Hasemoto

1. Hasemoto is a 9 year old black Percheron gelding. He was acquired in 2020 for use as a wheel horse. During his training, Hasemoto bucked riders on several occasions. During his 3 years at Fort Sam Houston, Hasemoto is classified as unsafe and unsuitable to ride.

2. Hasemoto grass founderred in August 2021, causing hoof wall separation, rotation of the coffin bone and extreme pain. In his case, the coffin bone rotated through the sole of the hoof where it became infected. During his long period of rehabilitation, his training was interrupted, and he cannot be trusted around inexperienced Soldiers without extensive retraining. He requires special consideration and monitoring when horses rotate pastures.

3. Hasemoto was diagnosed with anhidrosis after his arrival to the Platoon, which is “a compromised ability to sweat in the face of exercise or high ambient temperature” according to the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). This condition may be acute or chronic and affects different ages, breeds, and geographical locations. He also receives treatment for allergies.

5. Hasemoto should be retired and declared excess for the Caisson Section for the reasons stated above. While he is a handsome animal, he requires a level of care and additional considerations that are not conducive to the limited manpower and mission of the Caisson Section. Hasemoto must be adopted to an experienced trainer and/or rider because of his size, age, and lack of training. It would be best to adopt him to a more temperate climate, or to a home with climate controlled and professionally managed stable facilities, but an adopter willing to continue supplementing his feed for the anhidrosis would be acceptable.

4. Hasemoto could be a great stable mate or in a situation where he would have limited exposure to a herd of horses. With time, and possibly treatment, he could be a comfortable horse to train and ride. He is current for all vaccinations and Coggins test.

4. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (210) 808-6101 or [chelsea.n.rivera4.mil@health.mil](mailto:chelsea.n.rivera4.mil@health.mil).

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