

**Equus Survival Trust**  
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## **CASPIAN HORSE FLOOD VICTIMS NEED HELP**

**The Caspian Horse Society (UK)** is raising funds to help feed the rare and beautiful Caspian Horses affected by the floods that recently devastated Australia. Floodwaters raged high above fencing, flooding paddocks, barns and homes in Queensland and Victoria, home to a significant segment of the world's Caspian population.

Listed as *Critical* by the Equus Survival Trust, Caspian Horses average 11-12 hands and have the elegant appearance of well-bred horses. Despite their size, they are not ponies, but a ancient, hot-blooded breed of horse thought to have been extinct until rediscovered in northern Iran in the 1960s by an American woman. The Caspians in Australia are descendants of precious imported bloodlines from the 1970's.

Years of careful breeding could have been wiped out, however thanks to the dilligence and sleepless nights of dedicated owners, no Caspians were lost. Yet the aftermath may prove more dangerous. Substantial farming areas in the Queensland were completely inundated, turning the area into a muddy wasteland.

Many surviving horses are now miserably affected with laminitis, hoof abscesses and mud fever. Feedstuffs and hay will have to be shipped long distances and are now only available at hugely inflated prices.



### **THE CASPIANS NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Caspian Horse Society in the UK has set up a donation page on the website '[justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)' to raise funds for fellow Caspian breeders trying to cope with the enormous cost of obtaining fodder following the terrible floods.

All donations will be shared amongst the Australian Caspian breeders affected. If you have friends or family who might be interested in helping, you can help by forwarding this message and link to them.



<http://www.justgiving.com/John-Sansome>  
(CHS treasurer who has sponsored the page.)

*We are grateful for anything you can do to help!*

Liz Webster, Chairman, Caspian Horse Society  
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