

**REPORT:
HEALTH ASSESSMENT OF HORSE MARE RESCUED ON 19 JANUARY 2026
FROM KOLKATA MAIDAN AREA**

Animal Species: Equine (horse), **Color:** Bay, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 03 years

Observation and findings:

Physical condition: The horse is a bay-coloured mare (female horse). She is visibly malnourished and emaciated due to clear neglect by her 'owner'. She is having body condition score – 1 (very thin) on a scoring system ranging from 1 to 5, with 1 being very thin, and 5 being very fat. This horse has fluid filled swelling (bog spavin) on both the hock joints, swollen fetlock joints in both hind legs and fluid filled swelling on right knee joint (carpal hygroma). She is unable to bear body weight on her right hind leg while standing and walking. Most of the time she lies down on ground due to immense pain which she is unable to bear. She also had a deep, infected wound with purulent discharge, on lateral aspect of right elbow joint and has hobble injuries on fetlock joints of both the forelegs and on knee joint of left foreleg. All the four hooves are unclean, not trimmed appropriately, and her hoof on right hind leg does not have frog. Hooves of all the four legs have laminitic rings which might be due to severe lameness (laminitis) previously.

Veterinary Interpretation: The above findings show long-term negligence by the owner of this young mare as she is now suffering with chronic arthritis, infected wound and is in continuous pain. The probable reason for this condition could be due to deep seated injury to hoof in right hind leg and accidental injury to lateral aspect of the elbow joint. Furthermore, the owner did not provide her with timely and appropriate treatment and she was abandoned. Her body condition indicates that she was not getting food for a long time. All this indicates that this mare is suffering with what are now irreversible conditions and is unfit for working even at this young age. Due to immense pain, it is advised that she must be rehabilitated permanently at a sanctuary where she can be cared for, rest, have nutritious balanced diet, and be provided with pain-relief medication 24/7.



Pictures 01-02: The horse mare is having body condition score – 1 (very thin) on a scoring system ranging from 1 to 5, with 1 being very thin, and 5 being very fat



Picture 03: Hock joints of both hind legs are swollen having fluid filled swelling (bog spavin)



Picture 04: The right knee joint is swollen (carpal hygroma)



Pictures 05-06: The mare has deep infected wound on lateral aspect of right elbow joint with purulent discharge oozing out of the wound



Picture 07: Wound on lateral aspect of the left knee joint, hobble injury on the left fore fetlock joint and the mare is unable to bear weight on the right hind leg (lifting of the affected leg)

Interpretation and Conclusion: The mare was rescued as per FIR number 05 on 19/01/2026 at Madian police station, Kolkata, and is now under treatment. She will remain under treatment including constant pain management which she desperately needs. This mare is having poor body condition score, swollen legs, severely lameness and is suffering from irreversible and untreatable conditions. Hence the mare is not fit to work—would have in fact not been fit for work for a long time—and needs to be permanently rehabilitated to the sanctuary for the lifetime care.

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