



A Study on Equine Veterinary Care in Saint Lawrence County

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Presentation Overview

- Population and Research Sample
- Research Questions
- Procedure
- Significant Data that Answers Research Questions
- Conclusion and Questions



Population

- Amateur, professional, and Amish horse & stable owners
- St. Lawrence County
- Sample Group Owned an Average of 5 Horses
- Over 18
- Recreation/Trail Riding, Lessons, Competition, Transportation...etc.



Research Questions

- Is there a shortage of equine veterinarians?
- Are horse owners satisfied with quality of care?
- How do economics affect veterinary care?



Methods

Interview



Pretest



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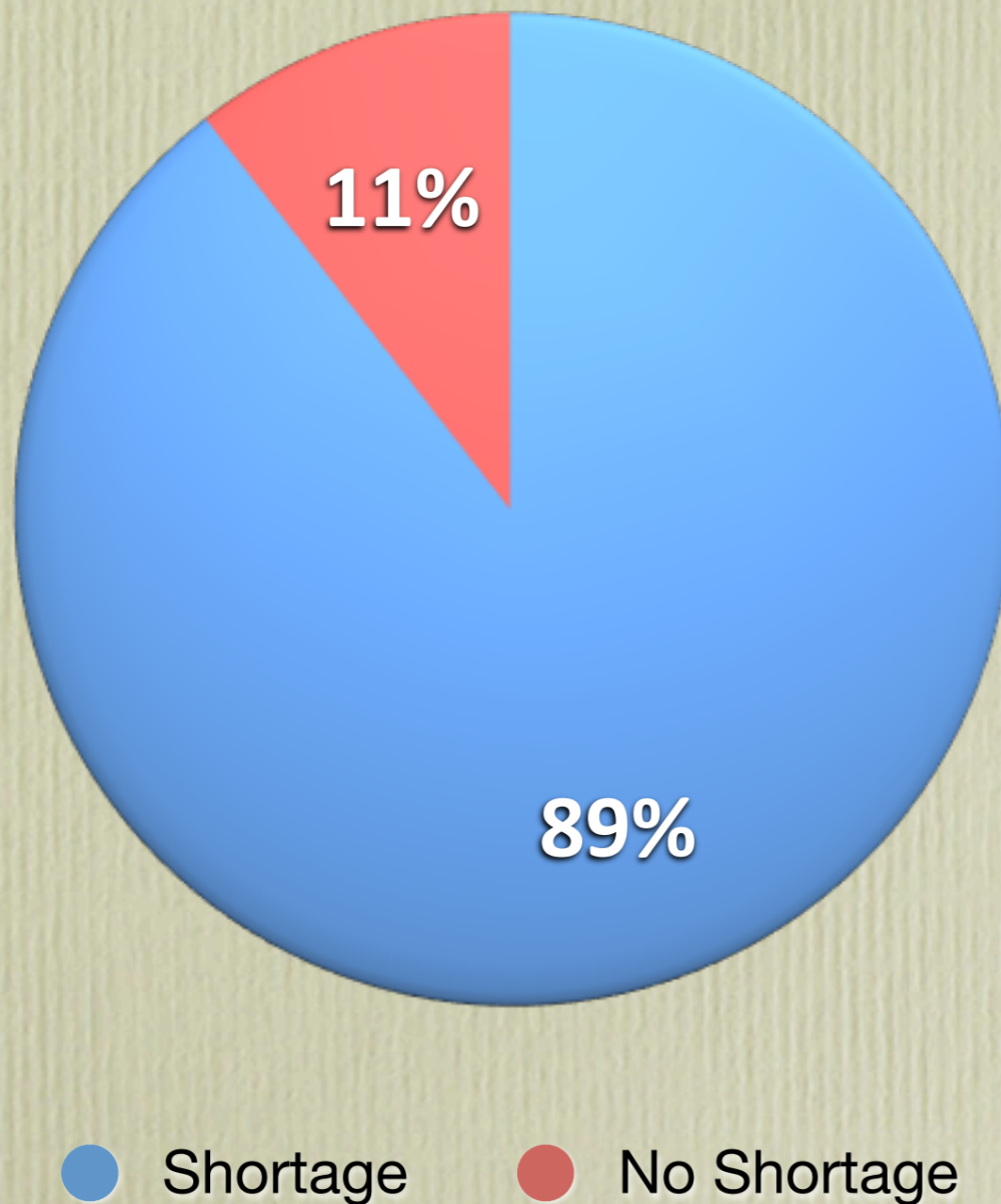
Distribute



Analyze



Shortage of Equine Veterinarians



“With only one large animal vet serving our area, I feel helpless when emergencies come up and have to wait. We need more equine medical tech.... Begging for it!”

-Horse Owner



Horse Owners Who Have Had Horses:

Suffer Further Damage

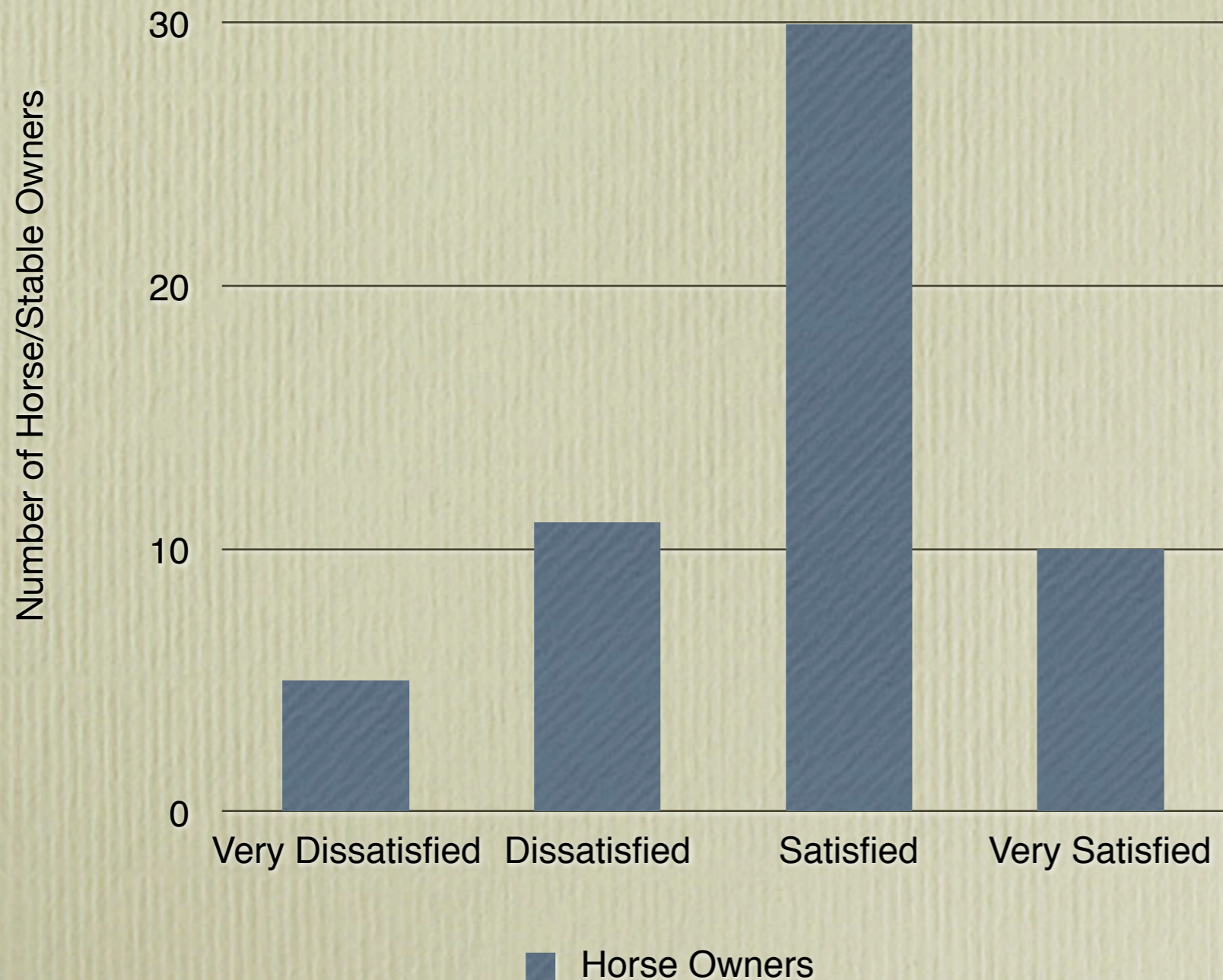


Die



“I tried to reach a vet to treat/put down an older horse for a leg injury - she suffered because I could not reach a vet. Mine was out of town - after hours of searching I finally reached one.” - Horse Owner

Response Time

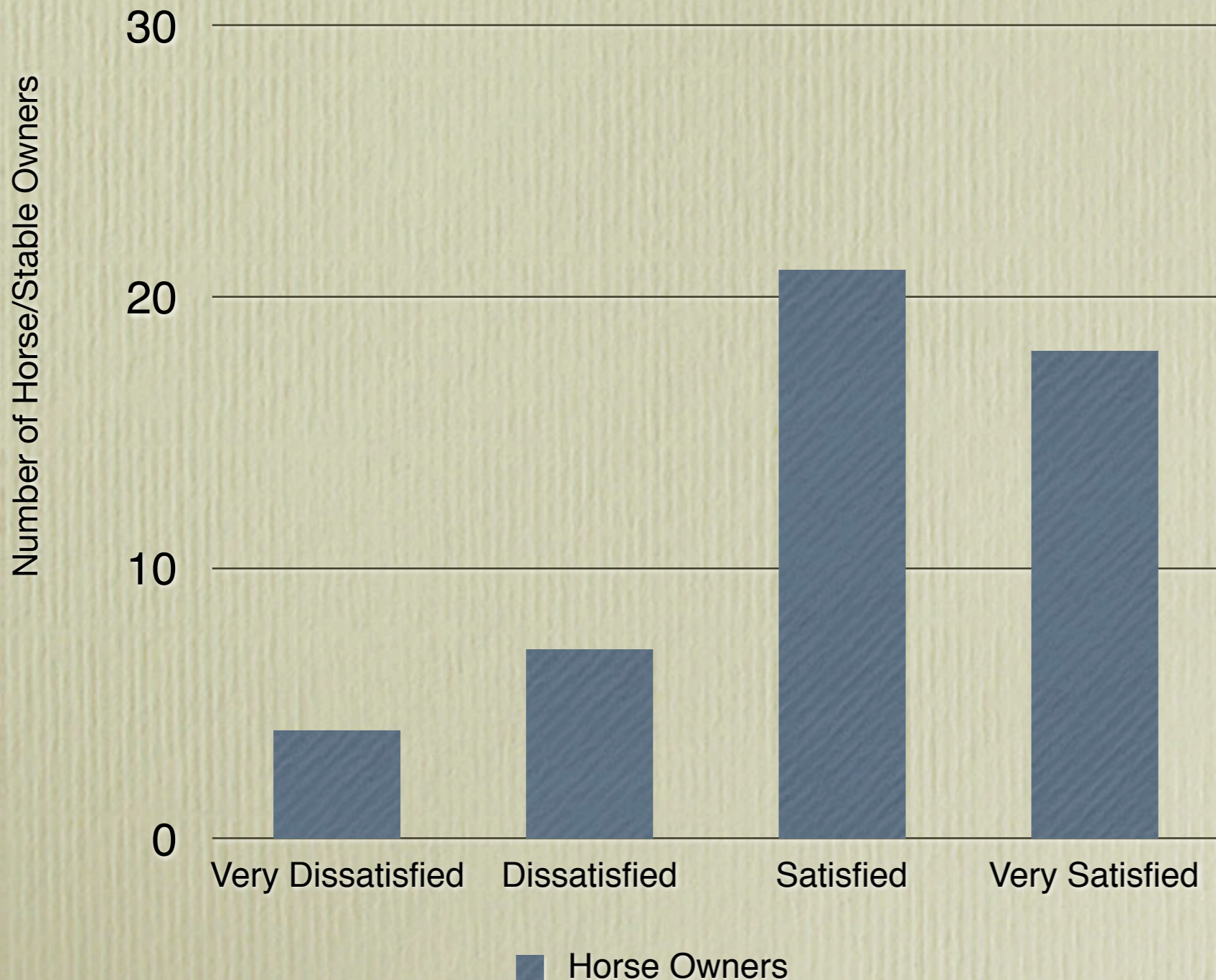


“My experience as a new horse owner with a lack of area vets was a complete shock. I wait weeks for returned calls and keep my fingers crossed the vet will come. I have waited 6-8 hours + for a vet to arrive.”

-Horse Owner



Horse Owners' Satisfaction with Current Care

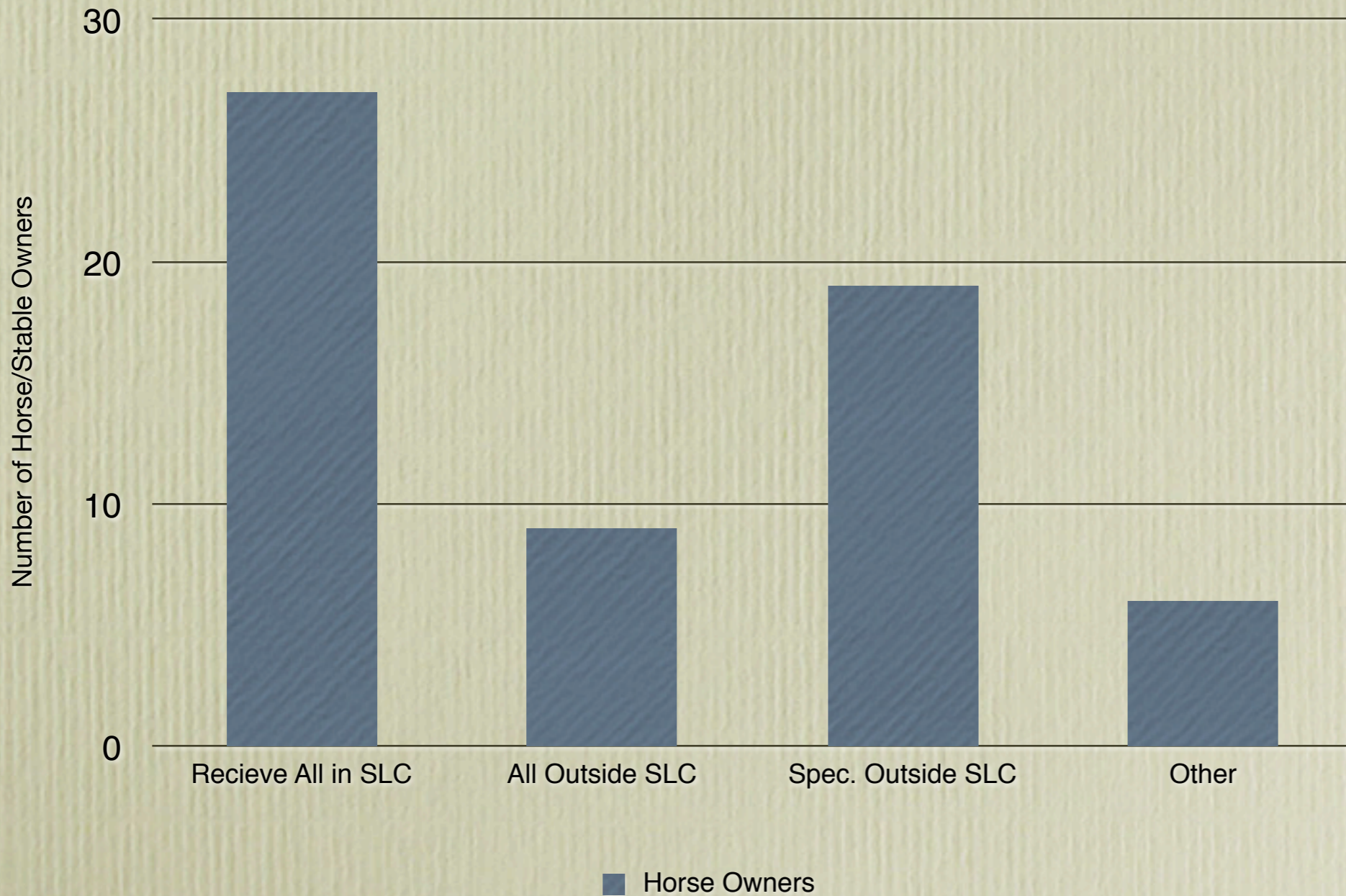


“While I have not found fault with the quality of care, our veterinarian is very hard to reach.”

-Horse Owner



Where Horse Owners Receive Veterinary Care

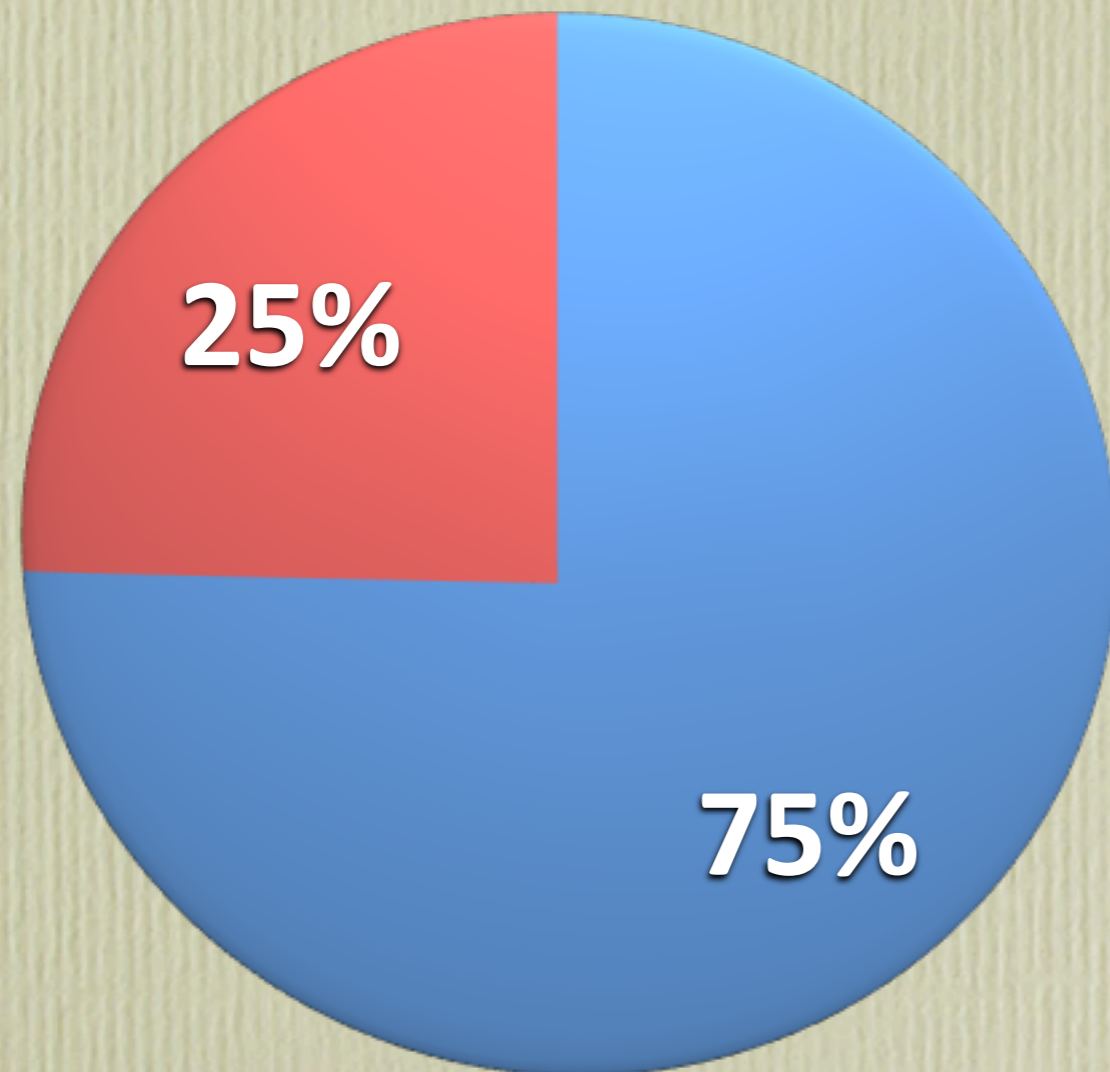


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-Horse Owner



Hindering Business Growth



● No ● Yes

“I have future business plans that would benefit from availability of local equine veterinarians.”

-Horse Owner

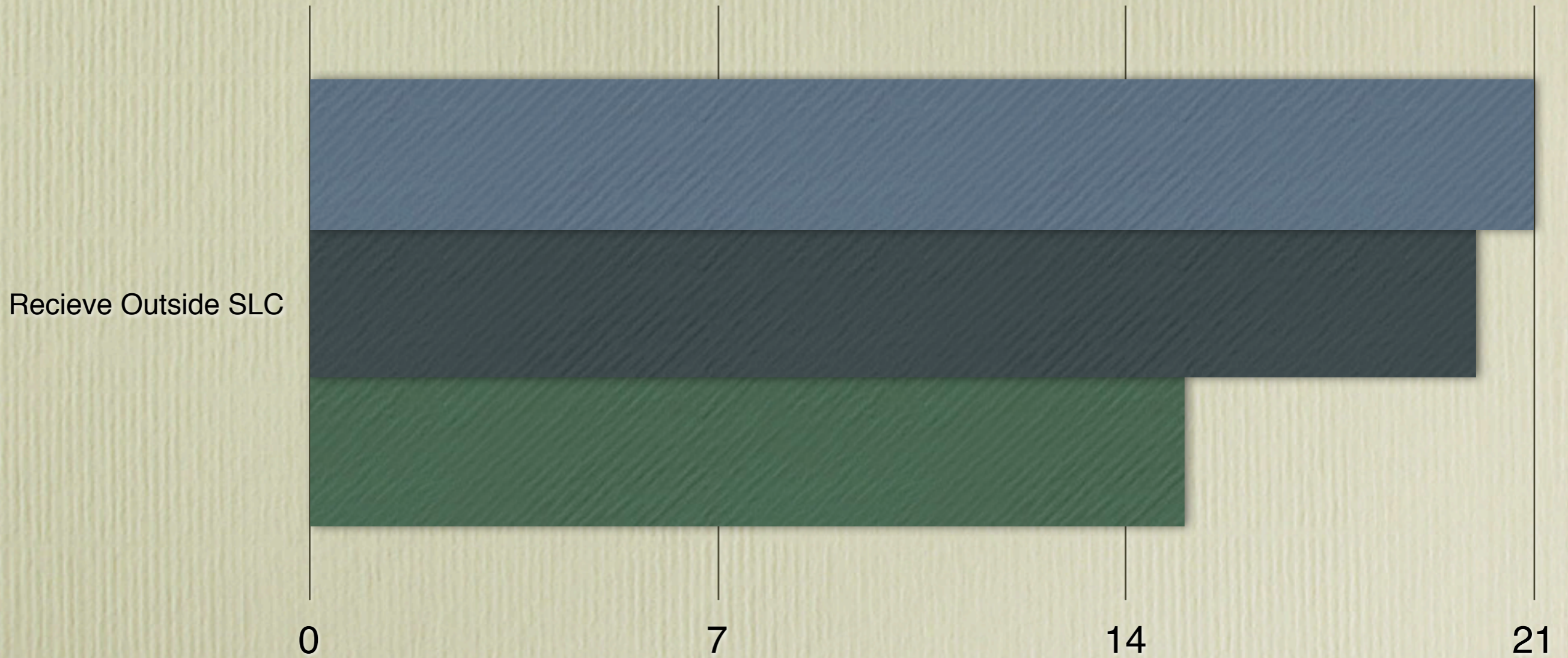


Large Barns

Number of Horses	How Care is Received	Satisfaction Level on Spec. Services	Further Damage?	Death?	Shortage?
17	Routine and Spec. Outside SLC	Receives Care for Lameness, Dental, Eye Outside SLC	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	All Care Received in SLC	Dissatisfied with Lameness Care in SLC	No	No	Yes
32	Routine in SLC/ Spec. Outside SLC	Dissatisfied with Lameness/Dental/Eye Care in SLC	Yes	Yes	Yes
23	Routine in SLC/ Spec. Outside SLC	Satisfied with Lameness Care in SLC	Yes	Yes	Yes
37	Routine in SLC/ Spec. Outside SLC	Dissatisfied with Lameness/Eye Care in SLC	No	No	Yes

Specialty Care

■ Lameness ■ Dental ■ Eye Injuries



Recieve Outside SLC

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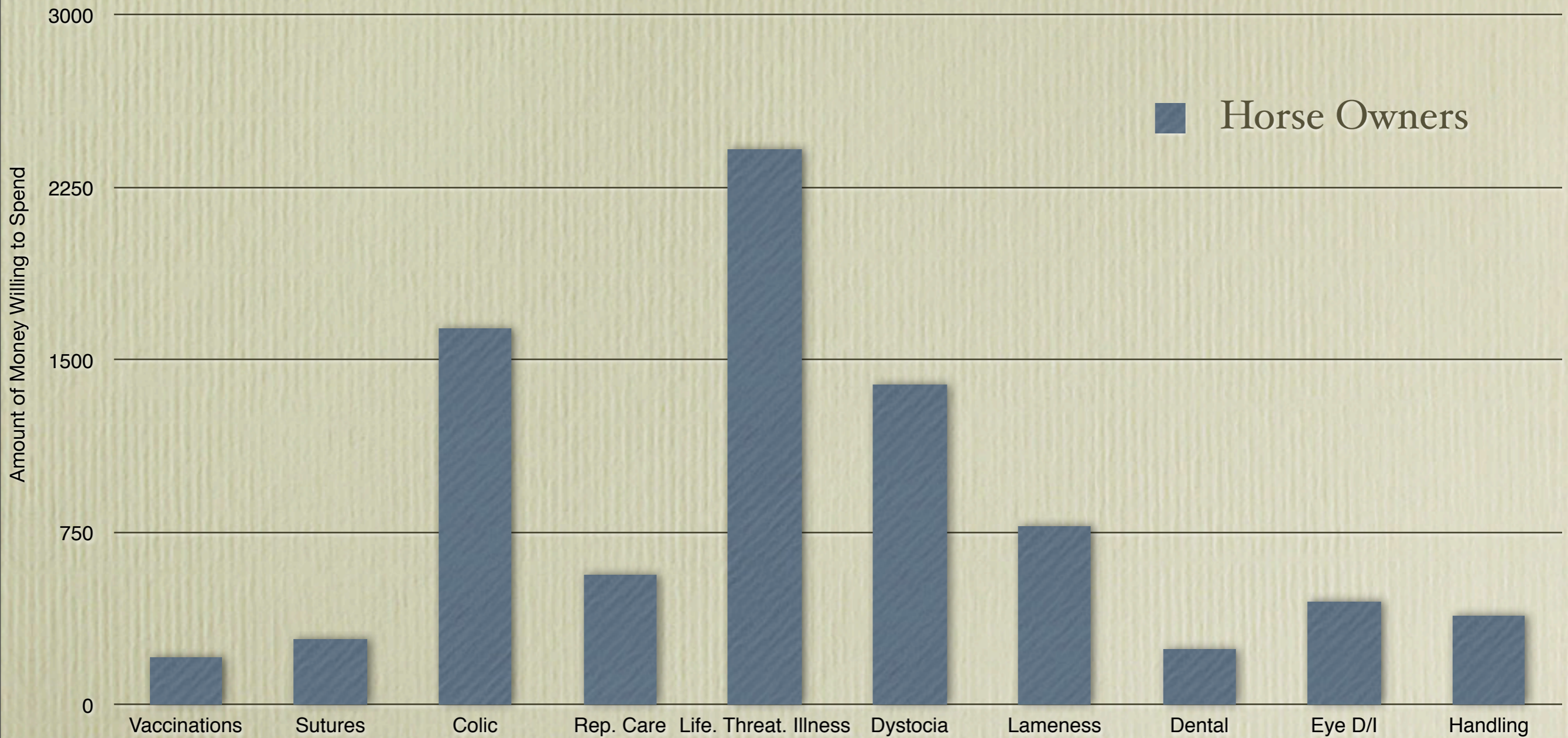


Next Steps

- Results Housed at CCE
- Town Hall Meeting
- Presenting in Albany
- Developing Website
- Further Study
 - -Geography, Cost Benefit Analysis

End

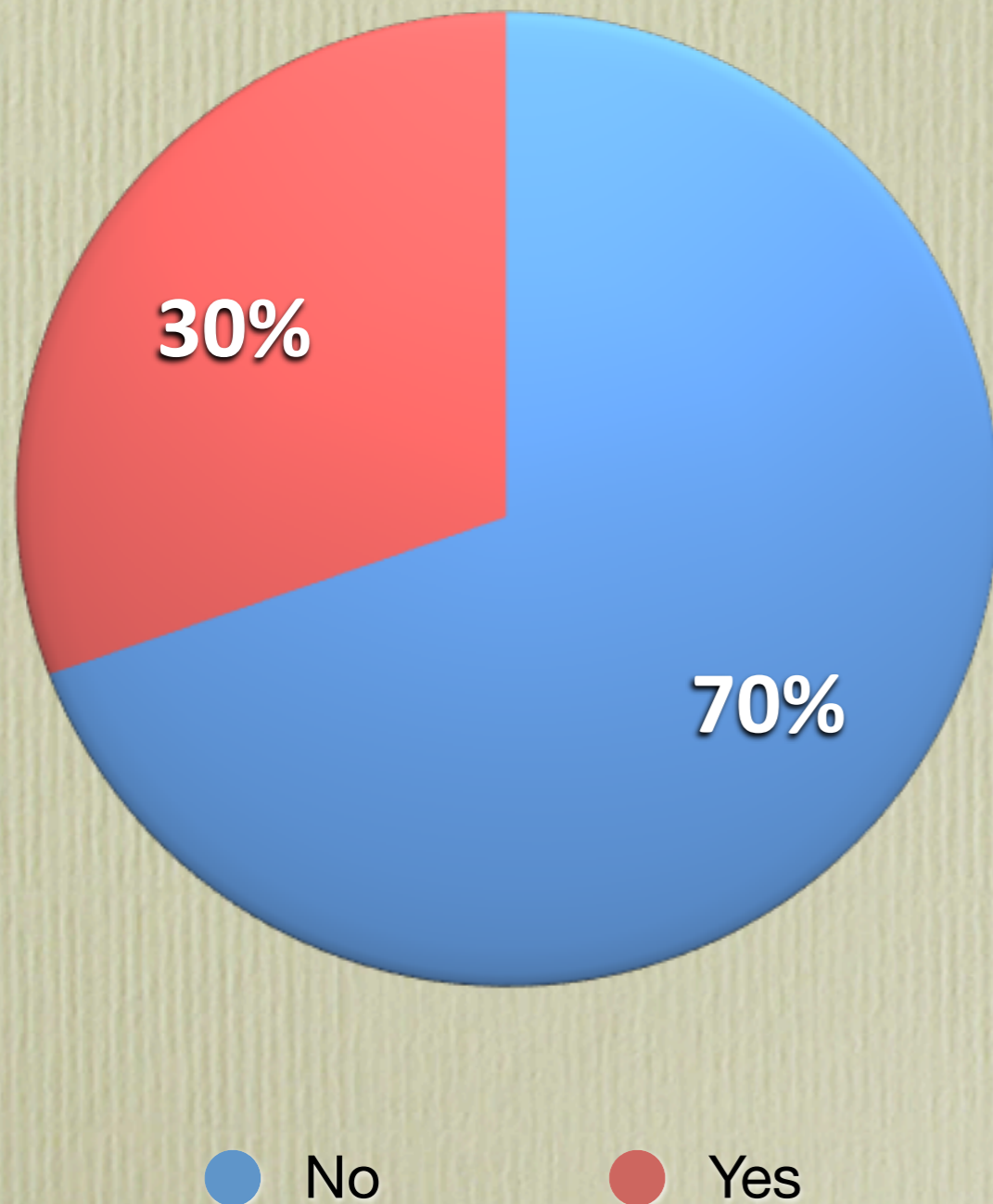
What Horse Owners are Willing to Spend on Care



“Whatever it takes.” - Multiple Horse Owners



Call Charges Effecting Treatment Plan



Average Calls Per Year

Non-Emergency: 4

Emergency: 1

Average Driving Distance

Veterinarian to Farm:
152 Miles

Owners *Willing* to Travel to Non-Emergency Care:
64 Miles

Owners *Willing* to Travel to Emergency Care:
145 Miles

