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Appeal For Owner Of Horse Found Collapsed

The RSPCA is appealing for the owner of a horse found collapsed in **Appley Bridge, Wigan**, earlier this week, or anyone who knows them, to get in touch.

The mare, described as 14-hand and black with a white blaze, was so emaciated she couldn't stand when the RSPCA was called on Monday (19 January 2009).

RSPCA inspector Lisa Lupson said: "After several hours spent trying to save her the vet with us decided she needed to be put to sleep to end her suffering. We did our best but it was the kindest thing for her. It really was heartbreaking."



Inspector Lupson had arrived at the scene just off Appley Lane North at 10.15am. A further RSPCA inspector, a vet, a police officer, two fire engines and crew, a local JCB owner and three members of the RSPCA Bolton Branch all did their bit to try to rescue the horse.

"We were hoping to be able to get her to her feet and we tried everything. The fire service was brilliant, and of course the local company who helped. The local RSPCA branch brought their horse trailer down to us so we could get her to the vets, but it wasn't to be," said inspector Lupson.

At 1.30pm, after over three hours of trying, the vet euthanised on humane grounds.

Now, the RSPCA wants to find out who owned her. Anyone who thinks they can help should call the 24-hour cruelty and advice line as soon as possible on **0300 1234 999** and ask to leave a message for inspector Lupson.

Photographs of the horse and rescue attempt are by the RSPCA
RSPCA inspector Lisa Lupson is available for further comment on request

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