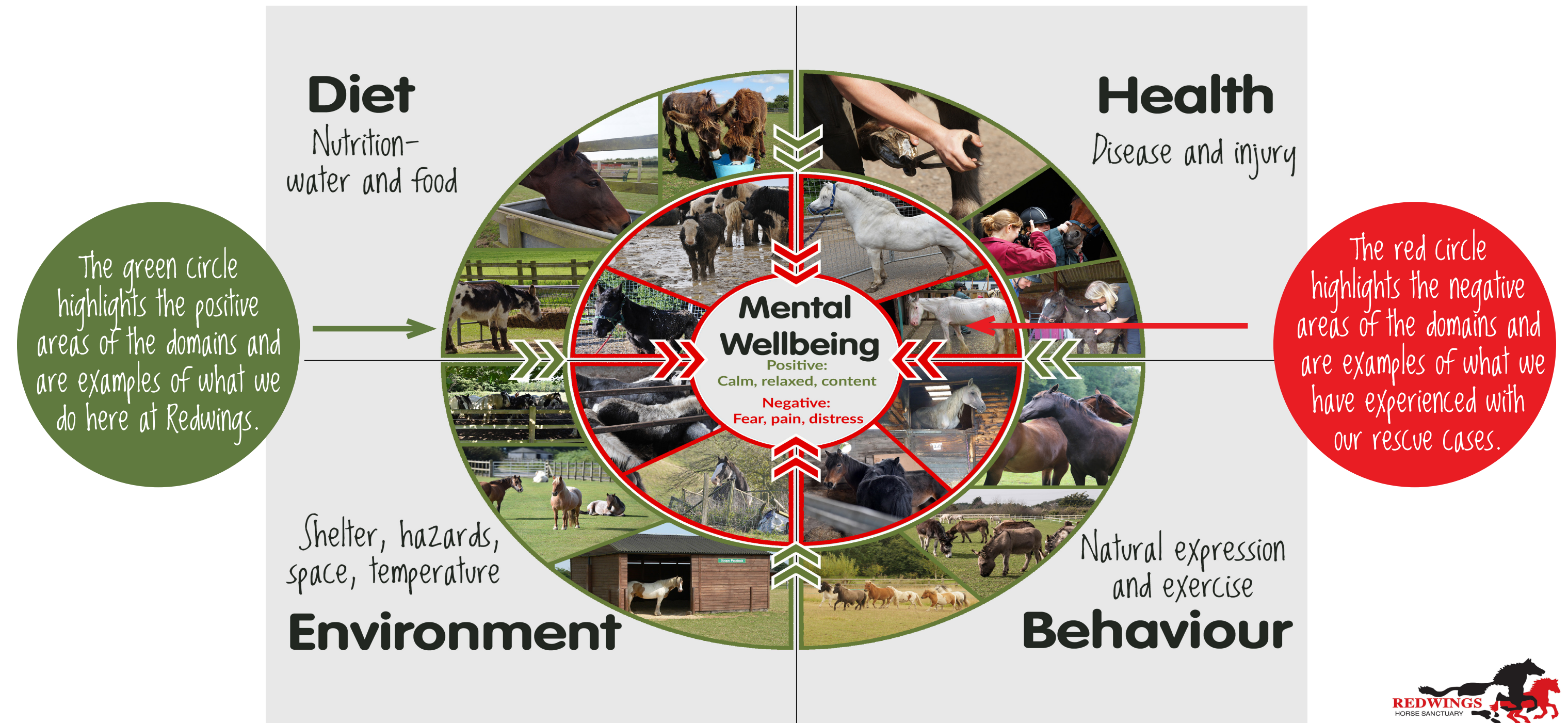


5 DOMAINS OF ANIMAL WELFARE

The Five Domains Model is made of four “functional” domains described as “Nutrition”, “Environment”, “Health” and “Behaviour” and a fifth domain “Mental Health” which aims to capture and emphasise the underpinning importance of the ‘affective’ (i.e. emotional) experience of the animal.



The Five Domains model of animal welfare enables us not only to assess states of suffering and situations of animal cruelty/neglect but also to aim for positive wellbeing standards – it highlights the notion that we can always do better as well as underlining the importance of mental health as a defining aspect of welfare and helps us see animals/horses as individuals.