



Dark Horse Rescue, Inc. (DHR)
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ADOPTION APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
County: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Place of Employment: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Veterinarian's Name & Phone Number:

Have you ever been convicted of Animal Cruelty? _____ If Yes, Please Explain:

Will the horse to be stabled on your property or boarded out? _____

If on your property, number of acres the horse will be pastured on: _____

Are you a current Horse owner? _____, Number of years: _____

Number of horses currently owned? _____

Number of horses on this property? _____

If boarded, Name of Stable or Boarding Facility: _____

Address of Boarding Facility: _____

Phone Number of Boarding Facility: _____

Owner of Boarding Facility: _____

Is there shelter provided for the horses? _____

Number and size of stalls in barn: _____

Will the Horse have a proper amount of time turned out? _____

Please describe what purpose your adopted horse will serve in your lives?

Please describe what type of horse that you are seeking: _____

If you saw any particular horse on our website that you are applying to adopt, please list that horse's name:

Additional Comments: _____

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Adoption Contract Required Level of Care:

The level of care of adoption horses should be the highest standards in the Industry. The horse must have all the annual vaccinations, and maintain a current negative Coggins. Vaccinations are to include Encephalomyelitis, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Strangles, Rabies, Tetanus, and West Nile, unless otherwise noted by your Veterinarian. The horse must be de-wormed by paste every 3 months rotating between types, unless otherwise noted by your vet. The horse must have daily turnout of no less than 8 hours unless there is dangerous weather. A Vet is to be called for any illness and any serious injury. If diagnosis of injury or illness cannot be treated due to financial reasons, horse must be returned to DHR immediately.

The horse must be trimmed or shod by a qualified farrier on a regular basis. Feet should be cleaned regularly. Each horse must receive the required daily feed allowance plus plenty of good quality grass or hay.

Each horse must be offered no less than 15 gallons of fresh water each day. A stagnant pond or creek is not an acceptable primary source of water.

Adoption horses are to have their teeth checked and floated, if needed, annually.

The adopter agrees not to work the horse beyond its physical limitations at any time or to put the horse in harmful situation at any time.

Miniature Horses should not hold more than 50 pounds of body weight.

DHR recommends each horse must have at least one acre of clear-cut pasture with some shade.

It is recommended to have at least a 3-sided shed in the paddock to block wind and bad weather.

Pasture must have acceptable and safe fencing.

Adopter shall be responsible for providing safe transportation for the adopted horse. DHR can provide transportation for a fee based upon distance traveled.

Adopter agrees and understands that under no circumstances shall an adopted horse transfer ownership for any reason. The horse may not be sold, traded, or given away unless approved by DHR. The horse may not be sold at livestock auction or to slaughter. If adopter can no longer care for such horse and wishes to transfer ownership, adopter agrees to return the horse to DHR.

The Adopter agrees to contact DHR for the following reasons:

- 1) Prior to the horse being moved to another residence (for approval).
- 2) If adopted horse dies.
- 3) If adopted horse becomes seriously injured or ill.

It is advised that the adopter pay for a Vet Check if you have any questions prior to the horse departing DHR. DHR is not responsible for any accidents or injuries after leaving our facility.

Homes/boarding facilities must be inspected by DHR prior to approval for adoption. The adopted Horse(s) can be returned to DHR at any time, regardless of reason, if you can no longer provide a loving, forever home.

Adoption Donation: Concurrent with the Signature of this Agreement, Adopter has paid a non-refundable adoption donation in the amount of \$_____ to DHR. Payment in full of the adoption donation is required before removal of the adopted animal from DHR's facility. This adoption donation may be tax deductible by the adopter, although DHR makes no representation or warranty in that regard. Adopter should consult his/her independent tax advisor to determine deductibility.

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Transportation: If you are unable to provide transportation of the adopted horse to your barn/boarding facility, Adopter agrees to pay in advance a transportation fee of \$50.00 plus \$0.55 per mile (round-trip) from DHR facility to the Adopter's barn/boarding facility.

PROHIBITIVE USES: ADOPTER AGREES THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE ADOPTED ANIMAL BE USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES.

Adopter's Initials: _____

Disclosure and Release: Adopter represents, warrants, and declares that Adopter is aware of the following in connection with his/her adoption of the Adopted Animal from DHR:

- A) That animals are different from human beings in their responses to human actions.
- B) That the actions of animals are often unpredictable
- C) That animals should be closely and carefully supervised when they are with or around children;
- D) That the Adopted Animal's behavior may change after it leaves DHR's premises.
- E) That animals in a new environment may act differently and Adopter will afford the adopted animal adequate time (at least 7 days) to acclimate to its new environment before being ridden, to the extent the Adopted Animal is rideable;
- F) That any statements made by DHR regarding the adopted animal, either orally or within this adoption agreement, are merely opinions and are made or given solely as a courtesy to those considering adopting an animal, and in no way amount to claims, representations or warranties as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of the Adopted Animal or the suitability or safety of the Adopted Animal for Adopter's intended purposes.
- G) Mares cannot be adopted to homes with non-castrated males under age of one year.
- H) All other horses must be current on vaccinations and Coggins (within one year).
- I) Adopter releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless DHR from and against any and all claims, liens, damages, losses, and causes of action which may be asserted by Adopter and all third parties for injury or damage to all persons, property, or thing whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by the Adopted Animal.

Adopters Initials as to subsections A through I: _____

DHR holds the right to recover the horse/s if ever abused, abandoned, neglected, starved, or mistreated, etc., in any way. The adopter agrees to abide by the Required Level of Care, or the horse can and will be recovered by DHR at any time. I have read and understand the conditions of the Adoption Contract and agree to uphold the highest level of care for my Adopted Horse.

Signature of Adopter: _____

Today's Date: _____

For Internal Use Only:

DHR Representative: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____ Declined: _____ Reason: _____