



Spirit Wind Horse Rescue

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Adoption Application

By providing a home for one of our rescued horses, you help us to provide care for more horses in need. The horse placed with you is not available for re-homing or sale. We are looking for permanent homes, and if for any reason you cannot continue to care for the horse, the adoption contract will specify that the horse be returned to us.

The Adopter will also understand and agree to the following conditions:

The horse will not be put into a program, or with a trainer, for which it is not suited, or which will cause the horse stress or continued unhappiness.

If the horse is a mare, breeding is not allowed. Should the horse be bred even accidentally, Spirit Wind Horse Rescue (SWHR) will repossess both the mare and foal.

If the horse is too young to be gelded, the horse will be gelded as soon as it is medically ready, and not bred before the geld.

Adopter agrees to guard and protect the horse from being subject to malicious harm or endangerment, negligence, harassment, or abuse, including but not limited to withholding of food, water, hoof care, shelter, or emotional neglect.

Horses shall be provided with other suitable equine companions, sufficient room to move, roll, play, and exercise at will on a daily basis.

Adopters agree to treat the horse humanely and with kindness, dignity, and respect at all times.

Adopters agree to never use severe training tools or aides.

Adopters agree that the horse is to be used only for trail and pleasure riding. Eventing such as racing, roping or any rodeo activities is not allowed. Horses are not allowed to be used exclusively for showing.

SWHR retains the right to inspect the premises where the horse is being kept with 24 hours notice, and without notice if there has been a valid complaint or concern for neglect or abuse.

In the event the horse's life must be terminated due to injury or illness, this must be done in a humane manner. SWHR must be notified prior to euthanasia unless the situation is an emergency and immediate action must be taken. If treatment exceeds the resources of the adopter, SWHR must be given the opportunity to repossess the horse.

Failure to abide by any of these terms, and the others stated in the adoption contract will result in immediate repossession of the horse. In addition, violation of any term of this document will be subject to applicable state and county laws.

I have read and understand the terms listed above and understand that this is a legal contract. Time is of the essence.

_____ Date: _____

We appreciate your interest in adopting a horse rescued by SWHR. To ensure that each of our horses finds a permanent and caring home, our application asks several detailed questions which are necessary for the screening process. Our goal is to adopt our horses to people who are committed to lifetime care for the horses they adopt. All information will be kept completely confidential.

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Why do you wish to adopt? _____

How many horses have you owned? _____

How many do you still have and what happened to the others? _____

Who will be the primary handler? _____

What's the primary handler's riding experience level? _____

What type of riding and activities do you plan to do with your adoptive horse? _____

Where will the horse be kept? _____

Type of fencing _____ Size of turn-out area _____

What type of shelter will be provided? _____

Do you own or lease your property? _____ Length of Residence _____

If lease, what is the owner's contact information? _____

Current Vet name & phone # _____

Current Farrier name & phone# _____

Have you had a horse in your care die in the last 5 years, and if so, why?

Have you ever sold a horse through an auction? _____

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a Humane Society, Rescue Organization, or Animal Control?
Circle one (yes) (no) If yes, please explain.

How often do you feel a horse should be wormed? _____

When should their teeth be floated? _____

How often should their feet be trimmed? _____

What is your opinion on shoeing? _____

Do you feel confident that you are able to financially provide for this horse for the rest of his/her life? If so, briefly explain why you feel confident you can provide for this horse.

With the pasture available to you, what do you estimate your annual expenses (including feed, foot care, worming, shots, etc.) for the horse to be? _____

In the event this horse needs extensive medical care, are you willing to do whatever it takes to provide the best quality of life for him/her? _____

Are you willing to care for the horse for the rest of its life? _____

Please list 3 references.

Reference 1) Name: _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Reference 2) Name: _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Reference 3) Name: _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

I understand that if the adoption is approved, I will be required to sign an adoption contract which is a legal document and states, among other things, that I will not be allowed to sell or give away the horse, and that if I am unable for any reason to keep or care for the horse, it will be returned to SWHR with no refund of the adoption fee.

I, _____ certify that I have no prior violations or convictions of inhumane treatment to animals.

By signing this application, you certify that you are over the age of 21 and all information contained in this application is truthful to the best of your knowledge and authorize SWHR to verify all references and information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SWHR reserves the right to refuse adoption if SWHR deems the horse and Adopter are not a suitable match, even though the Adopter may qualify in every other way. Permanent ownership of the horse may not be transferred by SWHR until after a probation period.

I acknowledge that in handling animals there exists a risk of injury including physical harm or death, and that all contacts with a SWHR horse will be done at my own risk. Therefore, on behalf of myself, my heirs, and personal representatives, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless SWHR and its assigns, successors, agents, staff, officers, Board of Directors, employees, contractors, property owners, and representatives from any and all claims, causes of action, or demands of any nature of cause whatsoever, including costs and attorney fees, arising out of or relating to my contacts with SWHR, including but not limited to, animal bites, accidents, or injuries.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Participant, Parent/Guardian/Caretaker (Must be 18 or over)

Printed Name: _____