

H.O.R.S.E. OF CT, INC.

The bond between human and their equine partner is one of the most rewarding relationships, one that has dated back thousands of years. Presently, almost two million Americans are horse owners, yet before deciding on this lifetime partnership, serious consideration must be given. Owning and caring for a horse requires a commitment; both of time and money. Horses require feed and general maintenance several times per day, and have many additional needs such as worming, shoes or trimming, teeth care and yearly vaccinations. If the horse is not kept on your property, you will need to consider the costs for a boarding facility. Medications and treatments to maintain optimal health can become quite expensive as well. Adopting a horse means dedicating yourself to care for this animal for the rest of his or her life, even when it no longer performs as he/she did when they were younger or healthier.

Because many of our horses come from neglectful or abusive situations, we work very hard to ensure that they are adopted into a loving and forever home. We ask that you read our **Adoption Requirements** and **Adoption Agreement** carefully, and understand that some of our horses come with restrictions such as weight limits or medical needs that must be adhered to.

Pre-Adoption Requirements

Adopting a horse is a lifetime commitment and there are procedures that must be followed before H.O.R.S.E. of CT can send a horse to a new home. **We suggest you read the Adoption Agreement prior to your visit, as your home or facility may not meet the necessary requirements of 24 hour turnout and fenced area for the horse to run freely.**

- Make an appointment for a tour of the farm and introduction to our horses. Be very specific about the type of horse you want and your horsemanship skills (both in the saddle and on the ground). This information is very important and will help the H.O.R.S.E. volunteer help you pick a horse that would be suitable for you.
- In order to build trust, numerous visits (a minimum of six and maybe more) must be made to H.O.R.S.E and time must be spent with the horse you wish to adopt. You will have your first ride on your chosen horse in our ring to evaluate how you and the horse interact together. Trail riding with a H.O.R.S.E. volunteer is also required. This evaluation is very important to make sure that you are able to handle your horse under any circumstance.
- When you and the horse you have chosen feel comfortable together, a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit towards the adoption fee is required to hold that horse. With that deposit, H.O.R.S.E. will begin the process of viewing the facility where your horse will be living, checking your vet and personal references and, of course, continuing to evaluate your knowledge of horse care. Final approval will be by the H.O.R.S.E. Board of Directors, with input from the volunteer(s) with whom you have been working.

If approved by the board, the Adoption Agreement will be completed and a time set for delivery of your horse. At this time, the balance of the adoption fee is due. **Adoption fees for our horses range from \$600 to \$2,000, depending on age, training and physical capabilities.**

If you agree to these pre-adoption requirements, please sign below.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Signature _____

To be obtained upon your first visit.

ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines, present residence at 43 Wilbur Road, Washington, CT 06777, hereinafter referred to as H.O.R.S.E., will hold this adoption agreement confidential; limiting the knowledge of same to the H.O.R.S.E. Executive Board, and selected personnel necessary to transport animal(s). It is the option of the Adopter(s) to inform whomsoever they wish. Animals adopted from this organization have been previously abused and/or neglected and starved by their former owners, (or lack of owners). Therefore, no guarantee regarding the animal is written, implied or expressed. The Adopter agrees to hold harmless H.O.R.S.E. organization and members, its heirs or assigns, forever.

FURTHER, Adopter(s) agree to accept the regulations set forth by H.O.R.S.E., to wit:

- To adopt a horse from H.O.R.S.E. of CT, a person must be knowledgeable in the handling of horses and the horse must be housed with another horse or horses. Education classes are offered for the inexperienced. Care and feeding instructions shall be provided according to each horses' needs.
- The adoption fee, usually from \$600 to \$2,000, is dependent upon the age and health of the horse. This adoption fee helps cover some of the costs incurred in bringing the horse back to good health.
- The adopter shall provide yearly preventive inoculations, parasite control, dentistry, hoof care and veterinary care for illness or injury. The adopter shall notify H.O.R.S.E. of CT of accidental or natural death of their horse. Where euthanization is necessary, it must be administered by a veterinarian.
- I agree to send recent photographs (head and body shots) and information about the condition of the horse (or horses) to H.O.R.S.E. Ct. once yearly during the month of May. Also any information about the horse's (or horses') condition at that time and during the previous years.
- A barn, stable or three-sided roofed structure must be provided for shelter. **24 hour turn out is required.** A safe and secure pasture, paddock or corral must be provided with enough room for the horse to run freely. Individual horses may have special requirements.
- Stallions must be gelded and breeding of mares is prohibited.
- No horse adopted from H.O.R.S.E. of CT may be used for showing, jumping or lesson programs. This includes 4H and other youth programs, which involve showing.
- Sale, transfer, assignment or encumbrance of any horse adopted from H.O.R.S.E. of CT is prohibited, however, the horse can be returned to H.O.R.S.E. of CT if:
 - The adopter is financially unable to care for the horse.
 - The horse is no longer wanted or needed.
- Location changes of the horse must be filed with H.O.R.S.E. of CT. and we reserve the right to check in on the horses' care, without advanced notification.
- Healthy horses seized by the State of Connecticut and brought to H.O.R.S.E. of CT may be placed in approved adoptive homes only after all court proceedings are finalized.
- Unwanted and/or unneeded horses who are in no way suffering abuse and/or neglect may be assigned to H.O.R.S.E. of CT for adoption, however, the owners will assume financial responsibility until adoptive homes are located.
- The Executive Board reviews applications and will conduct personal interviews. Adoption agreements are confidential and limited to the knowledge of the H.O.R.S.E. of CT Executive Board. The Executive Board grants final approval.
- If H.O.R.S.E. of CT is responsible for transporting the horse to its adoptive home, a rate of _____ per mile will be charged (or charges agreed upon will be paid by the adopter).
- Default of any terms or conditions written herein, H.O.R.S.E. of CT is authorized to take possession of, seize and retain ownership of said animal(s) named herein.

I, We (Adopter(s)) _____
Of _____, having read and accepted the above written document, do this _____ day of, 20____, adopt _____

I, _____ H.O.R.S.E. representative, President, hereby agree to give for Adoption _____ the above named animal described as: age _____ sex _____ Color _____, breed _____, by order of the, H.O.R.S.E. Executive Board.

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H.O.R.S.E. of Connecticut, Inc. Application for Adoption or Foster Care

Applicant Information

Name: _____		Address: _____	
City: _____		State: _____	ZIP: _____
Phone: () _____		Date of Application: _____	
Place an X by your type of Housing:			
Own? _____	Rent? _____	House _____	
Apartment _____	Land _____	Other Type _____	
I would like to furnish Foster Home care. (Place X)		YES _____	NO _____
I would like to adopt a ?		Small Pony _____	Large Pony _____ Horse _____
Have you ever owned a horse or pony? _____			
Do you own any now? _____		If So, How many? _____	
What breed? _____		What sex? _____	
Please describe any other animals you now own, (besides horses) _____			
Describe type of shelter _____			
Describe type of enclosure available for horse (size field, fence type, etc.) _____			
Who will take care of the horse(s)? _____			
Number of people in family? _____		Ages of children? _____	
How do you intend to use this horse? _____			
Do you feel you can afford to maintain an adopted horse? CT State law states that you must provide food, water, shelter, care and maintenance. Care and maintenance must include veterinarian and farrier care on a regular basis. Please bear in mind that most animals in the custody of H.O.R.S.E. were abused and/or neglected. Patient handling and tender loving care are necessary to their health and welfare. Horse care will be taught handson to persons who participate in the adoption procedure before any adoption takes place.			
Please provide the name and phone # of one personal reference.			
and the name and phone # of your veterinarian.			
Signature of Adoptor (s) (In person at interview.)		Date:	

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