



# HORSES' HAVEN

P.O. Box 166 - Howell, MI 48844

Thank you for your interest in a rescued horse. Information on this application will be validated. Please complete all fields, as incomplete applications cannot be processed. Please notify your vet and farrier references that a Horses' Haven representative will be calling and authorize them to release information to us.

Name:		Date:
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Address: <input type="text"/>		
City:	State:	Zip:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone:	County:	
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Email: <input type="text"/>		

### General Information:

Name of horse(s) applying for:

Please list the person(s) that will be responsible for the horse's primary care (feeding, training, grooming, medical/farrier costs):

Please list the person(s) that will be the primary rider/handler:

What do you consider your level of ability (check one):

- Beginner      New to horses; little to no riding experience; limited or no horse care knowledge
- Advanced Beginner      Some riding experience; comfortable at a walk or trot; limited knowledge of general care
- Intermediate      Comfortable riding at all gaits; can handle a horse that tests riders; comfortable providing general care
- Experienced      Comfortable riding at all gaits; able to handle difficult horses in various situations; knowledgeable about general care
- Very Experienced      Experience training horses and handling of green horses

What is your intended use for this horse? (Check all that apply)

- Trail       Jumping       Hunter       Pleasure Riding
- Dressage       Driving       Gaming       English Pleasure
- 4H       Lesson Horse       Reining       Western Pleasure
- Breeding       Therapy/Rehab       Competition
- Eventing       Endurance       Companion/Pet

Other:

Do you currently own a horse?    Yes     No

If yes, please provide more information:

Horse 1: Name/Breed  Age:  Sex:

Horse 2: Name/Breed  Age:  Sex:   
Horse 3: Name/Breed  Age:  Sex:

(if more than 3, please list others on reverse side of application)

If you don't currently have a horse, have you previously owned a horse? Yes  No

If yes, please included information indicating what happened to the horse (sold, given away or died please include cause of death):

Have you ever sold a horse at auction: Yes  No

Do you have animals other than horses? Yes  No  If yes, what kind

Where would this horse be stabled (check all that apply)?

Your Home  If at your home, do you own  or rent  your home?  
If renting, do you have permission from landlord to keep horses: Yes  No   
Please provide landlord's name/phone number/email:

Boarding Facility  (If using a Boarding Facility, please provide the following information):

Facility Name:

Barn Owner's Name:

Address of Stable:

Barn Owner's Phone Number:

Other:  (please describe):

Will you put the horse into training? Yes  No  If yes, please provide us with the following information:

Trainer's Name:

Trainer's Phone Number:

Trainer's Website:

Trainer's Specialty:

Do you have a farrier? If yes, please provide their name and phone number.

Do you have an equine veterinarian? If yes, please fill out the attached Veterinarian Reference form. If you do not currently have an equine veterinarian, do you know which one you would like to work with after acquiring a horse? If so, please provide their name and phone number.

Are you financially prepared to provide proper veterinary, farrier, emergency care, etc? Yes  No

**If you are already a horse owner, please fill in the following:**

How often do you vaccinate?

Date of last vaccinations:

How often do you worm?

Date of last worming for your current horses:

How often do you trim/shoe?

Date of last farrier visit?

How often do you have your horse's teeth floated?

Date of last dental float:

Please briefly describe your philosophy on horse training:

**References**

Please provide us with two personal references (no immediate family members). Please provide references that can speak about your horse experience, if possible:

1. Name:  Relationship:

Phone:

2. Name:  Relationship:

Phone:

**In submitting this application you agree to/understand the following:**

- *Horses' Haven reserves the right to deny any application for any reason.*
- *Please keep in mind that we are looking for permanent, lifelong homes for our rescued horses. Typically, horses that are cared for appropriately can live to be 25-35 years of age.*
- *If the application is approved, the prospective caregiver may be given possession and use of a horse. Horses' Haven does not sell animals and ownership of the animal remains solely and exclusively in Horses' Haven. The prospective caregiver hereby acknowledges that he/she understands that the adoption contract is for a bailment allowing prospective caregiver to use and possess the animal (subject to the adoption contract) but does not give the prospective caregiver any ownership rights in the animal.*
- *Upon review of your application, we will contact you to set up a time for you to meet the horse you are interested in. If all goes well, and this is determined to be a good match for the horse we will proceed with a site visit.*
- *Once approved, you will be required to sign an adoption contract.*

*By signing below, I certify that the information on the application is true and accurate. I give Horses' Haven, its officers and agents permission to verify all information contained therein.*

**Signature:**  **Date:**

## Veterinarian Reference Form

This form will be sent to the veterinarian listed on your application. Please fill in the top section of this form and submit it to Horses' Haven along with your application. The purpose of this form is to assure HH that the adopter will have a veterinarian available when the adopted animal needs care. This veterinary reference may not be completed by an immediate family member or a person listed anywhere else on the application as a reference.

### To be completed by the potential adopted:

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Address:  City/State/Zip:

Applicant's Phone:

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### To be completed by veterinarian:

*The Veterinarian who fills out this form will not be held liable for the opinions expressed here. Upon completion, please return this form to Horses' Haven at the address listed below.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been treating the applicant's animal(s)?

Does the applicant keep his/her animals current on their vaccination and other health care?

Please describe your impression of the care and condition of the animals the applicant currently owns and/or those you have treated for them in the past.

Do you think this applicant would provide a good home to an animal adopted from Horses' Haven?

Why or Why Not?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form!

Please return to:  
Horses' Haven  
PO Box 166  
Howell, MI 48844  
Phone: (517) 548-4880

## Horse Expenses

**It's really difficult to give a completely accurate breakdown of what it costs to keep a horse. This information is meant to provide basic information on the costs associated with horse ownership. Please keep in mind that the numbers given here can fluctuate for many reasons including but not limited to:**

- \*Hay prices can change frequently. Likewise, other costs can be affected by weather and other factors.
- \*Farrier prices can increase as gas prices rise. Veterinarians, farriers and other practitioners have to adjust their prices to cover their costs.
- \*You may also have a horse that needs dental work more than once per year, or needs vaccinations outside of the basic core vaccinations.
- \*One thing that really can throw your budget is unexpected veterinarian bills. The cost for off-hour calls can be very expensive and something like colic surgery can cost thousands. These costs don't cover your equipment: buckets, halters, saddles and the other things it takes to care for and enjoy your horse.*

### Basic Minimum Costs

This list is for the basic minimum costs assuming you are keeping your horse or pony on your own property. Boarding your horse will increase these costs.

- One half bale of hay \$2.00 per day
- Supplements (at Horses' Haven we use a variety of different supplements based on age/condition and special needs of each individual horse) On the low side you can figure \$35/month
- Salt block \$14.00/year
- Two - two cup servings of inexpensive grain per day \$2.00
- Farrier every six week at \$35 per trim
- Dewormer every 3 months \$32
- Dentistry once a year at \$125
- Annual basic core vaccinations of rabies, tetanus, equine influenza, and other routine vaccines at \$120 (If a Coggins Test is needed, add \$35)

**Based on the information above, the minimum cost for one year of keeping horse on your property (property maintenance such as fences, pasture upkeep not included) is: \$2566**

The costs quickly increase with:

- feeding more expensive grains or supplements.
- Unexpected veterinarian bills
- Immunizing for other diseases such as West Nile Virus.
- A horse that requires shoes.
- Competing with your horse.
- A horse that is ill or injured.
- Rapidly rising fuel prices.
- Hauling a horse.
- Tack and grooming supplies.
- Boarding fees.
- Bedding for stall.
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***Signing here acknowledges you have read and understand the above information:***

**Signature:**  **Date:**