



ADOPTION CONTRACT

Equine Being Adopted

Name:

Brand (if applicable):

Type/Breed:

Color:

Trainer:

Microchip Number:

Pick up/Delivery Date:

Adoption Fee: \$

Congratulations, and thank you for adopting! As you get to know your new equine, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. We are committed to helping to create a rewarding life-long experience! HORSES' HAVEN is here to provide you with any support you may need to help this adoption be a success, and we hope that this is just the beginning of your relationship with Horses' Haven. By signing below, you agree to the following:

- You are adopting the animal described above (the "equine"), and ownership of this equine is being transferred from Horses' Haven to you after the trial period. You agree to take the equine into your possession in a timely manner agreed on by you and Horses' Haven. If you do not take possession of the equine by the agreed-upon date, Horses' Haven may adopt the equine to another person, and you will forfeit any payments previously made to Horses' Haven in relation to the equine.

- You agree to a trial period of three hundred sixty-four (364) days (the “trial period”) beginning on the date that the equine is transported to your location and ending on _____. You may return the equine to Horses’ Haven at any time during the trial period, and Horses’ Haven will apply the amount of the adoption fee for the equine you are returning toward the adoption fee for any new equine that you may adopt within one year of returning this equine, provided that any such future adoptions are subject to approval by Horses’ Haven. In addition, ownership of the equine shall remain with Horses’ Haven during the trial period, and ownership shall transfer to you automatically at the end of the trial period. You shall be responsible for any and all expenses for the equine during the trial period, including but not limited to transportation of the equine, veterinarian care, and farrier costs, and those expenses shall not be refunded even if the equine is returned during or at the end of the trial period.

During the trial period, you agree that a representative of Horses’ Haven may from time to time make inspections of the equine and it’s living conditions, upon request, to determine if all conditions of this Agreement are being complied with. If the Horses’ Haven representative identifies unsatisfactory conditions, you agree to cooperate and rectify the conditions to comply with this agreement. If you remain in noncompliance after notice, you agree to surrender the equine to return to Horses’ Haven, upon request. You agree to keep Horses’ Haven informed of any address change.

- You agree to provide the equine with a good home and proper treatment and care, including appropriate shelter, food, water and medical attention and shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations related to the care of the equine. You further agree to provide the equine with safe and adequate shelter, turnout area, adequate and safe fencing, and appropriate and regular exercise.
- As owner of the equine, you are responsible for all of his or her expenses, including but not limited to medical expenses, farrier expenses, and dental expenses. Upon request, you are required to provide Horses’ Haven with veterinary medical records reflecting veterinary care that was provided to the equine during the trial period, and thereafter, if Horses’ Haven determines you are in noncompliance with the terms of this agreement.
- You understand that Horses’ Haven receives animals from many sources, including stray animals, animals recovered from cruelty cases, and relinquishments from prior homes. While we at Horses’ Haven try our best to get to know the animals under our care and predict the way they will adjust to a new home under various circumstances, it is impossible to predict any animal’s behavior with certainty.
- Under no circumstances shall you abandon the equine, breed the equine, or

sell or transfer the equine for purposes of slaughter or breeding. Additionally, you shall not allow the equine to be used for purposes of vivisection or experimentation.

- Horses' Haven understands that not all adoptions may be successful through no fault of the person or equine. If you find that you may not be able to keep your equine, please contact Horses' Haven. We will do our best to provide you with the support you need to keep you together with your equine. We always welcome back any equines that are adopted from us. If you decide to rehome your equine with a family member or friend, please notify us so we can continue to provide support to the equine.
- You understand that Horses' Haven will contact you from time to time to provide support, if needed, and to check on the progress of the equine. We encourage you to contact Horses' Haven with any questions you may have or just to let us know how your equine is doing. We love to hear from our adopters!
- If the equine is returned to Horses' Haven for any reason within thirty (30) days following this adoption, Horses' Haven will apply the amount of the adoption fee for the equine you are returning toward the adoption fee for any new equine that you may adopt within one year of returning this equine, provided that any such future adoptions are subject to approval by Horses' Haven. In addition, if an equine passes away or is euthanized due to illness within fourteen days of the adoption, the adoption fee will be refunded if a letter from a licensed veterinarian is presented to Horses' Haven. Horses' Haven will mail refunds within eight weeks of the presentation of the letter.
- Horses' Haven does not guarantee the health of any animal and is not responsible for the medical needs of any animal.
- Horses' Haven, its past, present and future officers, directors, agents and employees shall not be held responsible for any defects and/or illness which the equine may have or may develop or for any damage or injury to any person or property that may be caused by the equine. You agree to release and indemnify and hold harmless Horses' Haven, its past, present and future officers, directors, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, actions, judgments, costs, fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees and damages for any damage or injury to any person or property that may be caused by the animal and/or arising out of and/or in connection with the equine.
- You agree that Horses' Haven may use or authorize the use of any photographs or video of the equine in any way it deems appropriate to support its mission, including, but not limited to, fundraising purposes.

This agreement constitutes an offer of adoption by Horses' Haven. Your signature on this agreement shall constitute your acceptance of the offer, and this agreement shall be binding on you and Horses' Haven upon your signing this agreement. You represent that you are at least twenty-one years old.

ADOPTER:

Date:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date:

Witness Name: _____