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## **ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

**Horse:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Recipient/Adopter:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sire:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dam:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tattoo#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Age** \_\_\_\_\_

The **recipient/adopter** agrees to the following conditions and terms:

**The horse may not be raced at any recognized or unrecognized racetracks including but not limited to thoroughbred race meets, state fairs, bush tracks, match races, etc. Furthermore, the horse may not be bred, sold, leased, given away, transferred or sent to any auction or slaughter.**

The horse must be provided with **proper shelter, clean bedding, water, grain, hay and exercise and maintain a healthy weight at all times. Nylon halters are not allowed unless the crown piece is breakaway leather.**

The horse's teeth must be kept in good condition as well as hooves and regular de-worming maintenance. At the end of each year in December, the recipient/adopter must provide the R.A.C.E. Fund with a completed **Required Annual Record Report** of dates when teeth were floated; hooves were trimmed and regular worming/vaccinations and who provided those services.

The recipient/adopter agrees to provide recommended veterinary care for illness and or injury. Should a life threatening situation arise, named horse shall only be humanely euthanized by lethal injection by a licensed veterinarian pursuant to AAEP guidelines.

Recipient/adopter agrees to provide a picture of the horse 4 times a year, every 3 months and an update on how the horse is doing. Pictures must be **dated full body** right and left sides, a head picture and one picture where legs and hooves can clearly be seen close up.

The recipient/adopter agrees that the R.A.C.E. Fund, Inc. and any volunteers may visit the horse where stabled and at any time.

The recipient/adopter agrees in advance that the R.A.C.E. Fund, Inc. has the right to obtain all veterinary records directly from any veterinarian treating the horse and the recipient/adopter must notify their veterinarian of such in advance.

In the event the recipient/adopter could not keep the horse in the future, the R.A.C.E. Fund, Inc. must be notified and the horse returned to the R.A.C.E. Fund. At least 60 days or more notice must be given for another location to be found. Recipient/adopter may be responsible for relocation costs of horse. If the recipient/adopter has a recommendation for another suitable adopter the R.A.C.E. Fund will consider such a recommendation but the horse could not be transferred to a new adopter unless approved by the R.A.C.E. Fund, Inc.

Recipient/adopter must notify the R.A.C.E. Fund, Inc. in advance if circumstances permit. If circumstances do not permit then within 24 hours of the death of the horse and a veterinarian report of apparent cause of death within 30 days.

The recipient/adopter agrees that the horse will reside at: \_\_\_\_\_ If you do not own the facility, a copy of this agreement must be provided to the owner of the facility so they are aware of the terms of this agreement. You must also have the owner or manager of the boarding facility sign the attached Boarding Facility Acknowledgement Form acknowledging that they have received a copy of this adoption agreement and that said horse could not be sold for any reason including but not limited to remedying any delinquent boarding bill that you may so incur in the future. The signed Boarding Facility Acknowledgement Form must be returned to the R.A.C.E. Fund prior to the horse being moved to the boarding facility. **In the event of any future relocation of the horse to a different boarding facility the R.A.C.E. Fund must be notified in advance of the relocation and the address of the new facility.** In addition, the recipient/adopter must provide the **new facility** with a copy of this adoption agreement so they are aware of the terms of this agreement and said horse could not be sold for any reason including but not limited to remedying any delinquent boarding bill that you may so incur in the future. You must provide the attached Boarding Facility Acknowledgement Form from the owner or manager of the new facility acknowledging that they have received a copy of this agreement.

If the recipient/adopter fails to comply with any of the conditions or regulations in this agreement and or the R.A.C.E. Fund feels that the horse is not being taken care of properly, the R.A.C.E. Fund, Inc. reserves the right to regain possession of the horse without a court order and legal action may be taken against you.

