

**Riding To The Top
Therapeutic Riding Center
Policies and Procedures**

Policy Regarding Retirement of RTT Program Horses

Riding To The Top is committed to the health and well-being of our equines. In the event that an equine is no longer able to safely work in the program the decision will be made to retire them. If retirement at RTT is an option, this will be considered along with the possibility of the horse being able to participate in ground lessons, horse buddy programs, etc. where riding is not required. When retirement on RTT's premises is not possible, or the equine is no longer suitable for EAS, all efforts will be made to place the equine in an appropriate new home, including requirement of references, discussion regarding the equine's history, etc. In situations where retirement is due to health reasons or an acute situation arises (e.g. colic), consultation with our equine veterinarian will occur to discuss humane management of the equine considering pain and suffering, overall health and condition, potential for recovery, etc. In the event that pain and suffering will likely continue and/or treatment options are not prudent for the equine and/or organization, RTT will consider euthanasia in consultation with our veterinarian and the owner in the event that the equine is free leased to RTT.

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Revised: 8/16, 4/22

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Riding To The Top Re-Homing/Adoption Agreement

This agreement is made between _____ (Adopter) and Riding To The Top (owner), for the horse described below:

Name: _____ Breed: _____
Age: _____ Sex: _____

Owner agree to gift and Adopter agrees to take ownership of the above described horse based on the following terms:

- 1. Warranties:** Owner guarantees that they are the owner of the above described horse and that they have the right to gift said horse and they will defend the horse against any and all lawful claims and demands made by all persons.
- 2. Transfer of Ownership:** Owner agrees to transfer all ownership and registration papers (if registered) to Adopter once agreement is signed.
- 3. Laws:** The laws of the State of Maine shall govern this agreement. Any acts or practices arising out of this contract will be governed by the provisions of 7 MRSA §4103-A, Liability for Equine Activities (the Act). In the event of a conflict between this contract and the 7 MRSA §4103-A, the 7 MRSA §4103-A shall apply, superceding contrary provisions of this contract. Disputes arising under this contract shall be determined in accordance with the law of the State of Maine.
- 4. First Right of Refusal:** It is agreed upon by both parties that should the Adopter ever decide to sell or re-home the above described horse, that the Adopter will convey the first right of sale to the Owner. The Adopter will make every reasonable effort to contact the Owner and for the purpose and benefit of this part of the agreement, the Owner will advise the Adopter of their current mailing address, email, or other means of maintaining contact. Any individual or organization in possession of the equine described above as of the date of the agreement and any time thereafter is bound to not sell the equine at auction for slaughter or allow the equine to be sold, transferred, released, or otherwise placed into possession of any person or organization that will cause or allow the equine to be sold at auction for slaughter.

In Witness Thereof, the parties here to have signed and sealed this Agreement as of this date: _____.

Owner:

Signature of Riding To The Top Representative

14 Lilac Dr., Windham ME 04062

Address

Date

207-892-2813, X10

Phone

Adopter:

Signature

Date

Address

Phone