



Special Methods In Learning Equine Skills

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to take \_\_\_\_\_, a SMILES retired horse. I agree to keep this horse in a healthy and safe environment, and to provide the appropriate care that is needed.

STANDARDS OF CARE: I will provide appropriate food, water, shelter, exercise, attention, training, protection and any medical care necessary for the Horse's welfare. The level of care for adopted SMILES Horses should conform to the highest standards in the industry and include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) The Horse shall have all annual vaccinations, to include at a minimum: West Nile, Rhino/Influenza, and Tetanus Toxoid, unless otherwise determined by your vet.
- b) The Horse shall be de-wormed by paste either by a bi-monthly rotation schedule or on an evidence-based schedule determined by biannual fecal results and resulting recommendations from your veterinarian.
- c) A veterinarian shall be called for any illness and any serious injury.
- d) The Horse shall be trimmed or shod by a qualified farrier a minimum of every 6-8 weeks. Hooves are to be cleaned regularly.
- e) The Horse shall be offered no less than 15 gallons of fresh water each day, either in buckets or in regularly cleaned out water troughs. A pond or creek is not an acceptable primary source of water.
- f) The Horse shall receive the required daily feed allowance plus plenty of good quality grass or hay.
- g) The Horse shall have its teeth checked annually by a veterinarian and floated as needed.
- h) The Horse shall have at least a 3-sided shed in a paddock to provide shelter from wind and bad weather. Variations in facility requirements depend on the Horse, the region, and the predominant weather.
- i) The Horse shall have safe and acceptable fencing suitable for the Horse and the Horse's environment.

By adopting this SMILES Horse, I will obtain full ownership of the Horse and will be responsible for all future care and costs. I understand that this is to be a permanent home for the Horse, and I will not re-home or sell the Horse without contacting a SMILES representative. I will not use the Horse for any breeding purposes. I understand that SMILES is authorized to do a site visit to check on the Horse's welfare at any time. At no time will SMILES be responsible for future care or costs of the Horse. I understand that the Horse can be relinquished to SMILES at any time if this contract is breached.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE RELEASE, AND OTHER TERMS ABOVE.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adopter \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of SMILES Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_