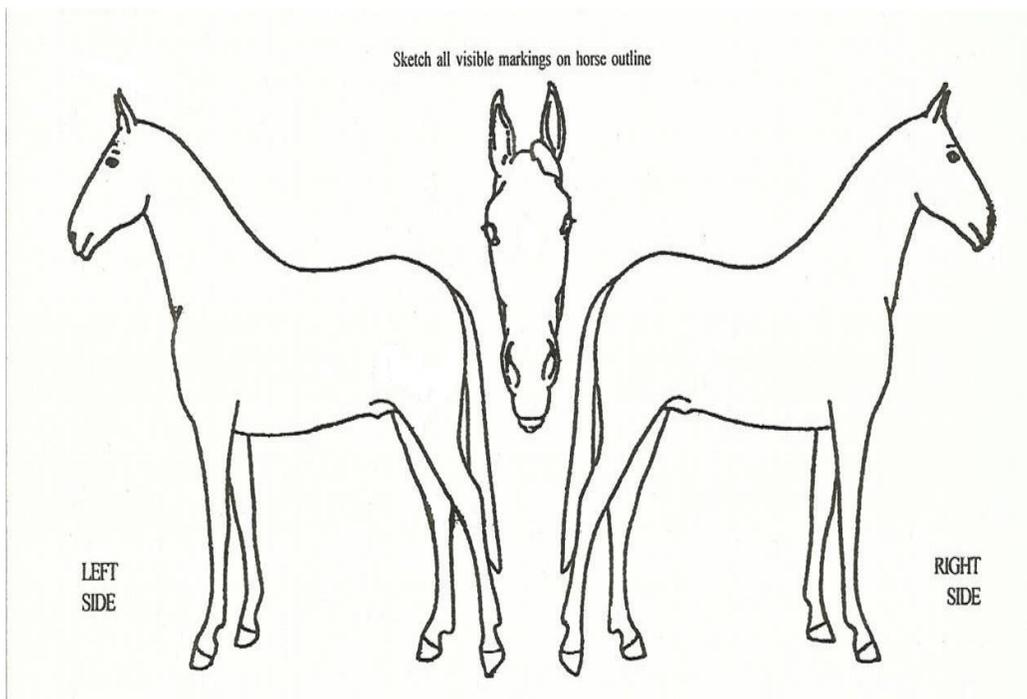




EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE

Adoption Agreement



• This agreement is made as of the _____ day of _____, 20____, between the Equine Rescue League (ERL) and _____ (Adopters).

1. I/We _____ agree to adopt and care for _____, approximate age _____, a (breed) _____ horse/pony, sex _____, color _____, markings _____, approximate height (taped) _____, weight (taped) _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Animal").

2. At the time of adoption, ERL will provide the Adopter(s) with any health records it has related to the Animal, a halter and leadline, and information as to the kind and amount of feed the Animal is presently receiving. Animals adopted from the ERL include no guarantees regarding soundness, temperament, or general condition. Adopter(s) recognize(s) and agree(s) to hold harmless the ERL, its heirs or assigns forever, for any damage or injury to property or persons by the adopted horse.
3. The Adopter(s) will, at his/her/their own expense, provide the adopted Animal with adequate and proper quantities of wholesome feed and water; safe and adequate shelter; proper and adequate exercise; appropriate hoof care and veterinary attention (including such treatment and preventative care against parasites and diseases as may be recommended in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan and Northern Virginia area; and in general, treatment in accordance with humane and prudent practices of equine and/or large animal care.
4. The Adopter(s) agree(s) to advise the ERL of the place where the Animal will be kept, then further agree(s) that a representative of the ERL may make unannounced visits anytime to any location where the animal is located to confirm that the care required in Paragraph 3 is being provided. This Agreement authorizes the ERL to enter such property to make an unannounced visit.
5. The Adopter(s) agree(s) that the Animal will not be moved to any facility for stabling, training, or general care without the prior approval of the ERL. The Adopter(s) further agree(s) that the Animal will not be sold, leased or otherwise transferred without prior approval of the ERL.
6. The Adopter(s) agree(s) that the Animal will not be used for breeding or racing purposes.
7. In the event that the placement does not work out for any reason, or in the event that the Adopter(s) is/are unable or unwilling to care for the adopted Animal, ERL requires that the Animal be returned to ERL. The Animal will be transferred to ERL without charge or liability for expenses incurred by the Adopter(s).
8. The Adopter(s) agree(s) to notify ERL in the event of the death of the Animal.
9. The Adopter(s) further agree(s) that in the event that ERL determines that there has been a material violation of the terms of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, failure to provide adequate care as set forth in Paragraph 3, failure to allow access for an on-site inspection as set forth in Paragraph 4, or by moving the Animal without prior approval as set forth in Paragraph 5, or that ERL is notified of the Adopter(s)'s involvement with a humane society or animal control agency resulting in a warning or citation for the inhumane treatment of any animal. Adopter(s) will be in breach of the Agreement and ERL may recover immediate possession of the Animal.
10. If such event takes place, the ERL may enter any property where the Animal is located and take immediate possession of the Animal with no liability. At such time, the Adopter(s)'s rights shall terminate and the Adopter(s) agree(s) that he/she/they shall have no cause of action or claim against the ERL, its officers, directors, staff or volunteers regarding such removal and termination of rights.
11. Failure of the ERL to take the action authorized above does not waive the ERL's right to take such action at any time including, but not limited to, discovery of any subsequent breach by the Adopter(s) of the Agreement.
12. I/We understand that the non-refundable adoption donation is \$ _____, This must be paid in full before the Animal is removed from the ERL's premises.

13. I understand that the following unique conditions must be met in regard to the adoption of the individual Animal described on page 1 of the Agreement: Adopter must present a certificate of Insurance showing Liability for _____.

14)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.: _____ STATE: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK: _____

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have executed this Adoption Agreement as of the date set forth above.

EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE

By:

Adopter:

Date:

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