



## EQUINE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This Equine Adoption Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by and between Draft Gratitude and the Adopter listed below:

Adopter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Horse Name & Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this Agreement, the Adopter agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Adopter agrees to provide proper and humane care for the equine at all times, including but not limited to appropriate feed, clean water, safe shelter, safe fencing, routine farrier care, veterinary care as needed, annual vaccinations, deworming, and humane handling practices.
2. The Adopter agrees that the equine shall never be sold at auction for slaughter or transferred, sold, released, given away, traded, or otherwise placed into the possession of any person or organization that may cause or allow the equine to be sold at auction for slaughter.
3. The Adopter acknowledges the shared commitment between Draft Gratitude and the Adopter to protect this equine from slaughter for the entirety of the equine’s life.
4. If at any time the Adopter is unable or unwilling to keep the equine, Draft Gratitude must be notified prior to any transfer, sale, lease, rehoming, or change of possession. Draft Gratitude reserves the right of first refusal and shall have fourteen (14) days to determine whether the equine will return to Draft Gratitude.
5. If Draft Gratitude declines to reclaim the equine, the Adopter agrees that Draft Gratitude must approve any future adopter or organization prior to transfer. Draft Gratitude must receive written notification including the name, address, and telephone number of any prospective adopter or organization prior to transfer.
6. This Agreement shall remain in effect until the death of the equine. The terms of this Agreement are binding on any future adopter or any third-party person or entity taking possession of the equine, and this Agreement must be incorporated as an addendum to any future agreement involving the equine.
7. Any future adopter or any third-party person or entity taking possession of the equine must re-sign an agreement with Draft Gratitude prior to taking possession of the equine.
8. Any mare adopted from Draft Gratitude shall not be bred.

9. The Adopter agrees to provide periodic updates and photos upon request and agrees to notify Draft Gratitude of any change in address, boarding facility, email address, or phone number within a reasonable timeframe.
10. Draft Gratitude reserves the right to monitor the welfare of the equine and may request updates, photographs, veterinary records, or conduct welfare visits if concerns arise regarding the equine's care.
11. Draft Gratitude retains the right to reclaim the equine if, in its sole judgment, the equine's welfare, safety, health, or living conditions are compromised.
12. In the event Draft Gratitude reasonably believes the equine is being neglected, abused, abandoned, improperly cared for, or is otherwise in immediate danger, Draft Gratitude reserves the right to immediately seize and recover possession of the equine without refund of adoption fees. The Adopter agrees to cooperate fully in the return of the equine and acknowledges responsibility for any legal fees, transportation costs, veterinary expenses, or related costs incurred by Draft Gratitude in enforcing this Agreement.
13. The Adopter understands and agrees that the adoption fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is non-refundable.
14. The Adopter understands that horses are inherently unpredictable animals and assumes all risks associated with handling, transporting, riding, caring for, or otherwise interacting with the equine.
15. The Adopter agrees to hold harmless, release, defend, and indemnify Draft Gratitude, its directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and affiliates from any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries, losses, liabilities, costs, or expenses arising out of or related to the equine after transfer of possession, including but not limited to personal injury, death, property damage, veterinary expenses, or legal claims.
16. Failure to comply with any terms of this Agreement may result in Draft Gratitude reclaiming possession of the equine.
17. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

By signing below, the Adopter acknowledges that they are at least 18 years of age, have read and understand this Agreement, agree to all terms stated above, and have made no intentional misrepresentations during the adoption process.

Adopter Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Draft Gratitude Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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