

Volunteer Equine Advocates
Adoption Contract



Equine Name _____ ID # _____

Color / Description / Height _____

Markings _____

Gender _____ Age _____ Registration _____

Adoption Fee _____ Date of pickup _____

Adopter Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Drivers License _____

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Congratulations, and thank you for adopting! As you get to know your new equine, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. We are committed to helping to create a rewarding life-long experience! Volunteer Equine Advocates (VEA) is here to provide you with any support you may need to help this adoption be a success, and we hope that this is just the beginning of your relationship with VEA. By signing below, you agree to the following:

You are adopting the animal described above and ownership of this equine is being transferred from VEA to you. You agree to take the equine into your possession in a timely manner agreed on by you and VEA. If you do not take possession of the equine by the agreed-upon date, VEA may adopt the equine to another person, and you will forfeit any payments previously made to VEA in relation to the equine.

1. You agree to provide the equine with a good home and proper treatment and care, including appropriate shelter, food, water and medical attention and shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations related to the care of the equine. You further agree to provide the equine with safe and adequate shelter, turnout area, adequate and safe fencing, and appropriate and regular exercise.
2. As owner of the equine, you are responsible for all incurred expenses related to the equine, including but not limited to medical expenses, farrier expenses, and dental expenses.
3. You understand that VEA receives animals from many sources, including stray animals, animals recovered from cruelty cases, and owner surrenders. While we at VEA try our best to

get to know the animals under our care and predict the way they will adjust to a new home under various circumstances, it is impossible to predict any animal's behavior with certainty.

- 4. Under no circumstances shall you abandon the equine, breed the equine, or sell or transfer the equine for purposes of slaughter or breeding. Additionally, you shall not allow the equine to be used for purposes of vivisection or experimentation.**

Initial_____

- 5. VEA understands that not all adoptions may be successful through no fault of the person or equine. If you find that you may not be able to keep your equine, please contact VEA. We will do our best to provide you with the support you need to keep you together with your equine. We always welcome back any equines that are adopted from us as a safety net. In the event that you no longer wish to continue ownership of the above equine, VEA MUST be contacted for "first right of refusal" before horse is advertised. If VEA opts not to exercise its first right of refusal option with the horse at fair market value, the horse may then be sold by PRIVATE TREATY ONLY, and can not be sold at any type of auction, sale equine broker/dealer, feed lot or slaughter destination. If at any time the market value of the equine changes, VEA must again be notified and offered the horse at said value. THIS CONTRACT TRANSFERS WITH THE EQUINE FOR LIFE AND IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CURRENT OWNER TO INFORM ANY POTENTIAL NEW OWNERS OF THE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS. It is the responsibility of current Adopter to provide VEA of all contact information of the new owner; to include Name, address, phone, email address and address where equine will be housed. This information must be sent to VEA within 10 days of ownership transfer. In the event that the Adopter breaches this clause, the Adopter agrees to pay VEA the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for damages.** Initial_____

- 6. You understand that VEA will contact you occasionally to provide support, if needed, and to check on the progress of the equine. We encourage you to contact VEA with any questions you may have or just to let us know how your equine is doing. We love to hear from our adopters! Please join our Facebook group- VEA Equine Alumni to share your updates with us and others!**
- 7. If the equine is returned to VEA for any reason within ninety (90) days following this adoption, VEA will return the adoption fee.**
- 8. VEA does not guarantee the health of any animal and is not responsible for the medical needs of any animal post adoption.**
- 9. VEA, its past, present and future officers, directors, agents, and employees shall not be held responsible for any defects and/or illness which the equine may have or may develop or for any damage or injury to any person or property that may be caused by the equine. You agree**

to release and indemnify and hold harmless VEA, its past, present and future officers, directors, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, actions, judgments, costs, fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees and damages for any damage or injury to any person or property that may be caused by the animal and/or arising out of and/or in connection with the equine.

10. You agree that VEA may use or authorize the use of any photographs or video of the equine in any way it deems appropriate to support its mission, including, but not limited to fundraising purposes and social media.

Additional requirements of contract

This agreement constitutes an offer of adoption by Volunteer Equine Advocates. Your signature on this agreement shall constitute your acceptance of the offer, and this agreement shall be binding on you and VEA upon signing this agreement. You represent that you are at least eighteen years old.

Adopter Name Printed _____

Adopter Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Equine Stable Information If being boarded: Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Adopter signature _____ Date _____

Stable Owner/Operator _____

I, _____ as stable owner, relinquish my rights as stable owner to file a lien against the adopted equine should the adopter not fulfill his / her requirements for boarding and shall notify VEA of any such failure on the adopter's part.

Stable owner signature _____ Date _____

VEA Representative _____ Date _____