

RIVERWOOD THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

EQUINE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This Equine Adoption Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center ("Riverwood") and the individual(s) identified below ("Adopter") for the placement, care, and lifelong protection of the equine identified in this Agreement. Physical possession of the equine may be transferred to the Adopter at placement; however, ownership remains with Riverwood during the first twelve (12) months and transfers to the Adopter only after successful completion of the one-year placement period and the requirements of this Agreement.

1. Adopter and Housing Information

Date: _____

Adopter Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Driver's License / ID No. (if required): _____

Facility Name / Equine Housing: _____

Physical Address Where Equine Will Be Kept: _____

Primary Veterinarian / Practice: _____

Veterinarian Phone: _____

Primary Farrier / Hoof Care Professional: _____

Farrier Phone: _____

2. Equine Identification and Release Information

Name of Equine: _____

Description / Breed / Color / Markings: _____

Age / Date Foaled: _____

Sex: _____

Approximate Weight: _____

Condition at Release: _____

Date Released to Adopter: _____

Released By (Riverwood Representative): _____

Received By: _____

Veterinarian Last Caring for Equine: _____

Date of Last Hoof Trim: _____

Current feeding regimen and/or recommendations:

Special needs, medications, supplements, maintenance, workload restrictions, or other care recommendations:

3. Disclosures and Acknowledgements

Riverwood discloses the following known information concerning the equine's health, history, behavior, training, limitations, and special needs:

The Adopter acknowledges that equines are inherently unpredictable animals and that Riverwood cannot guarantee how the equine will respond in every circumstance. The Adopter accepts responsibility for using appropriate judgment, supervision, handling, training, veterinary care, and management after placement.

4. Pre-Placement Facility Inspection and Photographic Documentation

Prior to placement of the equine, the facility where the equine will be kept must be inspected and approved by a member of the Riverwood Equine Welfare Committee. The inspection may be conducted by, including but not limited to, Riverwood's veterinarian and/or a certified equine specialist designated by Riverwood. The purpose of the inspection is to evaluate whether the proposed facility, fencing, shelter, turnout, water access, feeding arrangements, and general environment are appropriate for the health, safety, and welfare of the equine.

Photographs of the facility must be taken during or in connection with the inspection and retained by Riverwood for record-keeping purposes. Riverwood must also take photographs documenting the condition and appearance of the equine before the equine is placed with the Adopter. These photographs will become part of the equine's permanent placement record.

Facility inspection date: _____

Inspector name/title: _____

Facility photographs retained: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pre-placement equine photographs retained: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Facility approved for placement: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Approved with conditions

Conditions/notes: _____

5. Standard of Care

The Adopter agrees to provide humane, responsible, and appropriate lifelong care for the equine. At a minimum, the equine will be provided safe and suitable housing; adequate turnout and/or pasture appropriate to the equine; safe

fencing; continuous access to clean, fresh water; nutritionally appropriate feed and forage; routine hoof care; appropriate dental care; vaccinations and preventive veterinary care; timely treatment of illness or injury; and any medications, supplements, maintenance, or special care reasonably required for the equine's health and welfare.

The Adopter agrees to contact a veterinarian promptly for any significant illness, injury, deterioration in condition, or other medical concern requiring professional care.

6. Financial Responsibility

Upon transfer of possession, the Adopter assumes responsibility for all ordinary and extraordinary costs associated with the equine, including feed, board, veterinary care, farrier care, dental care, medications, supplements, training, transportation, and other necessary expenses, unless Riverwood agrees otherwise in writing.

Adoption / Purchase Fee (if applicable): _____

7. Permanent No-Transfer and Mandatory Return Requirement

PERMANENT MANDATORY RETURN TO RIVERWOOD

The equine can never be sold, transferred, given away, leased, auctioned, or otherwise placed with another party and must be returned to Riverwood if the adopter cannot continue care.

This restriction is permanent and continues after transfer of ownership to the Adopter. If the Adopter is no longer able or willing to care for or retain the equine at any time, the Adopter must contact Riverwood so that arrangements can be made for the equine's return.

The Adopter understands that the no-transfer and mandatory-return requirements are permanent, material conditions of this Agreement and continue after transfer of ownership. The Adopter may not circumvent these requirements through a private sale, gift, informal placement, temporary transfer, lease, rescue placement, auction consignment, or other arrangement.

8. Permanent Prohibition Against Slaughter or Slaughter-Auction Placement

PERMANENT ANTI-SLAUGHTER PROVISION

Any individual or organization in possession of the equine as of the date of this 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.

This anti-slaughter provision applies in addition to the permanent no-transfer and mandatory-return requirement. The equine must be returned to Riverwood if the Adopter can no longer retain or care for the equine.

9. One-Year Follow-Up, Records and Transfer of Ownership

Transfer of Ownership: Riverwood retains ownership of the equine for the first twelve (12) months following placement. At the conclusion of that period, ownership will transfer to the Adopter provided the Adopter has complied with this Agreement, including the required updates, photographs, veterinary records, and standards of care. Riverwood may document the transfer in writing for its records. Transfer of ownership does not permit the Adopter to subsequently sell, transfer, give away, lease, auction, or otherwise place the equine with another party. The permanent mandatory-return and anti-slaughter provisions of this Agreement continue after ownership transfers.

For one (1) year following the date the equine leaves Riverwood, the Adopter/Purchaser is required to provide Riverwood with periodic updates documenting the equine's condition, care, and placement. Updates must include current photographs of the equine and copies of relevant veterinary records. The Adopter/Purchaser must also notify Riverwood of significant veterinary concerns during this one-year period.

Update	Due / Date Received	Photos Received	Veterinary Records Received
Initial / Early Placement		☐	☐
6-Month Update		☐	☐

12-Month Update		☐	☐
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Riverwood may request additional reasonable updates during the first year if concerns arise regarding the equine's health, welfare, housing, or compliance with this Agreement.

10. Change of Housing or Contact Information

The Adopter agrees to notify Riverwood promptly of any change in the Adopter's address, telephone number, email address, or the physical location where the equine is housed. A change in boarding facility does not authorize a transfer of ownership, custody, or control to another person or organization.

11. Welfare Concerns and Return

If the Adopter believes the equine's needs can no longer be met, or if circumstances arise that materially affect the equine's welfare, the Adopter agrees to contact Riverwood promptly to discuss return arrangements. Nothing in this Agreement requires the Adopter to delay emergency veterinary treatment necessary to protect the equine's welfare.

12. Entire Agreement and Written Changes

This Agreement represents the understanding between Riverwood and the Adopter concerning the placement of this equine. Any exception or modification must be made in writing and signed by an authorized representative of Riverwood. If any provision is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions are intended to remain in effect to the fullest extent permitted.

13. Adopter Certification and Signatures

By signing below, the Adopter confirms that the information provided to Riverwood is accurate; that the Adopter has read and understands this Agreement; and that the Adopter agrees to the facility inspection, photographic documentation, standards of care, permanent no-transfer and mandatory-return requirements, one-year follow-up requirements, transfer-of-ownership terms, and permanent anti-slaughter protections stated above.

Adopter Printed Name: _____

Adopter Signature: _____

Date: _____

Co-Adopter Printed Name (if applicable): _____

Co-Adopter Signature: _____

Date: _____

Riverwood Representative Printed Name: _____

Riverwood Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____