



Adoption Agreement

Adopter Name

Address

Phone #

Email Address

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Name of Horse or Donkey

Breed

Sex

Age

Color

Distinguishing Marks

Name of Second Horse or Donkey (if applicable)

Breed

Sex

Age

Color

Distinguishing Marks

1. I, hereafter referred to as the adopter, agree that the above described equine(s) is being adopted by me. The adopter agrees that the equine(s) CANNOT be sold, transferred, traded, leased, released, adopted, given away, or otherwise placed in the possession of another individual or organization without H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue's express approval. In the event that the adopter cannot keep the equine(s) for any reason, the adopter agrees to notify H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue and is responsible for locating a suitable new home, which must meet with H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue approval. Any future individual or organization taking and/or in possession of the equine(s) for any reason will be bound by the terms of this agreement. If circumstances do not permit locating a new approved home, the equine(s) MUST be returned to H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue. Under NO circumstances shall the equine(s) be transferred to new ownership without the written consent and an approved adoption application of said equine(s) by H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue.

2. The equine(s) cannot be used for any commercial purpose (including breeding).

3. The equine(s) must NEVER be sent to an auction. Any individual or organization in possession of the equine(s) as of the date of this agreement and any time thereafter is bound to not sell the equine(s) at auction for slaughter or allow the equine(s) to be sold, transferred, released, or otherwise placed into possession of any person or organization that will cause or allow the equine(s) to be sold at auction for slaughter.

4. If the equine(s) passes away, the adopter agrees to notify H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue immediately. H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue reserves the right to request a veterinarian's statement/cause of death and permission to contact the vet. The adopter will also immediately notify H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue of any change of contact information (address, phone number, or email address).

5. Adopted equines must NEVER be neglected, abandoned, or inhumanely treated. The adopter hereby agrees to care for the equine(s) described above in a humane and responsible manner: providing safe shelter in the form of a run-in shed or barn, companionship with at least one other equine, ample pasture for grazing, adequate and safe fencing, regular farrier and veterinary care, biannual-annual vaccinations, medication as needed, worming at least twice a year or as recommended by a licensed veterinarian, and proper nutrition and exercise. All of the above required provisions must also be met if the equine is boarded. If these provisions are not met, the adopter is subject to a breach of contract and the equine(s) will be removed and returned to H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue.

6. H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue reserves the right to make lifelong scheduled visits for adopted equines. The adopter will allow H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue to come onto the property with prior notification.

7. The adopter agrees not to place the equine(s) with an abusive trainer or an unskilled rider unless such rider is being provided with professional riding instruction.

8. The adopter affirms that they have never been charged or convicted of inhumane treatment to animals, nor has anyone in their household.

9. The adopter agrees that they are responsible for all expenses incurred for horse care; there are no reimbursements from H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue. The medical history and known background of the equine(s) described above have been discussed with the adopter. The adopter understands that H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue makes no representations or guarantees concerning the health, condition, training, behavior, or temperament of the equine(s). The adopter agrees to accept responsibility and ownership of the equine(s) at their own risk and release H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue and its agents from any liability for future damages, expenses, or injuries caused by said equine(s).

10. The adopter agrees to make a donation in the amount specified below which will help to cover the cost of care and training of equines at H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue. Donations can be made by cash, credit card, money order or cashier's check and made payable to H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue. This donation is paid at the time of adoption and is non-refundable for any reason.

Donation Amount \$ _____

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL FINAL DECISIONS ON ADOPTIVE HOMES ARE VOTED ON BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Adopter has hereby read, understood and agrees to abide by the above requirements for adoption of the H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue equine(s).

Adopter Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue Representative Signature

Date