

Equine Rescue of Aiken

A 501c(3) organization

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Adoption Application

All persons interested in adopting a horse from The Equine Rescue of Aiken are required to complete the application in full. Once completed please drop off, mail, or email the application to above.

There is a processing fee of \$25

We Accept payment by check____, money order____, Cash____

*** Your application will only be processed after payment is received.***

*** All adopters must be 21 or older and financially and physically able to provide the proper care to the adopted horse. If under 21, please include 'parent information' to the personal and financial sections.***

Any adopters that will be first time horse owners must follow these guidelines.

- **A) Horse must stay at the Equine Rescue of Aiken for first 3 months for extended trial period where in adopter and horse will be monitored and re-evaluated for compatibility**
- **B) Established trainer must be involved with adopter and horse for at least the first 6 months of ownership**
- **After 3 month trial period the horse must be kept at a boarding facility with a knowledgeable equine manager**
- **Young and/or green horses will not be adopted to first time horse owners unless A or B guidelines are followed**

Decisions are made on a case by case basis

Personal Info (of owner/rider)

1. Full Name _____

2. Age _____

3. Height _____ and weight? _____

Contact Info

4. Complete Home Address _____

5. Home Phone Number _____

6. Work Phone Number _____

7. Cell Phone Number _____

8. E-mail Address _____

Financial Info

9. Where do you work? _____

10. What is your occupation? _____

11. Do you work full-time_____, part-time____, or are you self-employed? _____

12. If self-employed, please describe your profession. _____

13. What is your household's total annual income? (circle one)

[Under 35K] [35K- 45K] [46K- 60K] [61K- 75K] [76K- 100K] [100K & Up]

14. Will there be anyone helping you pay for the care of the horse?____ If yes, please explain:

15. How much do you estimate it will cost per year to own your adopted horse?_____
Please explain:

Horse Experience and History

16. What is your experience with horses? _____

17. Have you owned a horse before? Yes_____ No_____ If Yes, when was the last time you owned a horse? _____

18. Do you currently own a horse? ? Yes_____ No_____ If so, how many and list the breed of each horse.

19. Style of riding/driving you practice: _____ How many years? _____

20. What breeds have you handled and ridden? _____

21. Do you have experience with training green horses? _____ If yes, please explain:

22. Have you ever trained a young or green horse? Yes _____ No _____ Did you receive help from a professional trainer or did you do it on your own? Please specify:

23. Have you ever sold a horse? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

24. Are you still in contact with the person(s) you sold the horse to? _____

25. Are you considering a mare for breeding purposes? Yes _____ No _____

26. If yes, what is your experience with breeding and foaling?

27. How many mares have you bred and foaled? _____

You and Your Potential Adoption Horse

28. Why do you want to adopt? : _____

29. Do you prefer a certain breed? _____

30. What qualities would you like to have in a horse? (i.e. age, color, sex, size, temperament) _____

31. What style and level of riding do you wish to achieve? _____

32. What riding discipline is your primary focus? _____

33. Are you willing to change your discipline goals to suit your adopted horse's needs?
Yes _____ No _____

34. How often do you want to ride/drive your horse?

Daily___ Weekends Only ___ 4-6 Times Weekly ___ 2-3 Times Weekly___ 1-2 Times
Monthly ___ Seldom ___ Never (If companion horse only) _____

35. How would you rate your riding ability?

Beginner___ Novice ___ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

36. Do you have a trainer?_____ If yes, please provide his/her name and contact
information. _____

37. Does your trainer have experience working with young or green horses?_____ How
many years? _____

38. Will there be anyone else riding the horse?_____ If yes, explain their experience:

39. What would be your overall goal for the horse? _____

40. If you have an unforeseen life event (i.e. loss of job, divorce, illness, pregnancy)
what would your plan be for your adopted horse?

41. When would you like to adopt? _____

42. Are you interested in a specific horse? _____

Boarding or Private Facility Info

43. Please provide the name, address, and phone number of the boarding facility or
private farm where the horse will stay:

44. Who owns the facility? _____

45. Do you live at the facility? Yes _____ No _____

46. Do you currently board at this facility, or have you in the past? ? Yes_____ No_____

Please specify: _____

47. Will the manager/ owner of the stable be willing to sign our "Boarding Agreement"?
This form states that they will contact The Equine Rescue of Aiken about late board payment or improper horse care. Yes _____ No _____

48. If you DO NOT live at the facility, what is the monthly board fee? _____

What does it cover? _____

49. If you DO live at the facility, what do you anticipate paying a month to care for the horse? _____

50. How many horses are currently at the facility? _____

51. Will the horse have a stall or run-in? What are the exact dimensions?

Stall _____ Size _____ Run-In _____ Size _____

52. How many total stalls are in the barn? _____

53. If your horse will have a stall, how many hours per day do you plan to have him/her stalled? _____

54. How often & how many hours per day will your horse be turned out? _____

55. Who will be responsible for turning out your horse? _____

56. Does the facility have pasture(s)? ____ If yes, how many total acres? _____

57. What type of fencing surrounds the pastures/paddocks? Explain in detail (type of material, # of rails/ strands, height)

_____ 58. How many other horses will the horse be turned out with? _____ Are mares and geldings kept separate or mixed? _____

Care & Feeding Info

59. How many times per day will your adopted horse be fed? _____ Please explain:

60. Who will be responsible for feeding the horse? _____

61. Where will the horse be fed (i.e. stall or pasture)? _____

62. If fed in the pasture, how will you assure the horse is receiving the proper and required amount of feed? _____

63. What type of grain and hay will the horse be fed? _____

64. Based on your experience, how much grain and hay per day do you think the horse will need?

65. Will your horse have access to grass pasture? _____

66. How often will you de-worm your adopted horse? _____

67. What annual vaccinations will your horse receive? Please list. _____

68. What is your planned farrier schedule? _____

69. What is the name and phone number for your farrier?

Reference Info

70. Please provide the name and contact info for the vet that has been to the facility where the horse will be kept? ****The vet office must have you or your boarding facility down as a current client. Please specify who the current client is.****

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax: _____

71. Provide the name and phone number of two NON- FAMILY references that are experienced with horses and are aware of your horse experience and have been to the facility.

1. _____ Phone: _____

2. _____ Phone: _____

72. How did you hear about our program? Please specify: _____

Adoption Contract Info

73. Have you read the "Adoption Contract" and agree to the terms and rules governing adoptions from The Equine Rescue of Aiken? Yes _____ No _____

74. Do you understand and agree that the adopted horse is **NEVER**, under any circumstances, to be raced, sold at any auction, to a horse dealer, or to the Amish?

(The Equine Rescue of Aiken reserves the right to pursue legal action towards the adopter should this occur). Yes _____ No _____

BY SIGNING OR TYPING YOUR FULL NAME BELOW, YOU CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: _____

Date: _____