

EQUINE RESCUE AIKEN

ADOPTION APPLICATION

All persons interested in adopting a horse from the Equine Rescue of Aiken are required to complete this application in full. Once completed, please drop off your application at the Rescue office, mail it to the Rescue, or email the application to: Adoptions@AikenEquineRescue.org

There will be a processing fee of \$25.00. We accept payment by check ____, money order ____, or cash ____. (*Your application will only be processed after payment is received.*)

All adopters must be 21 years old or older and be financially and physically able to provide the proper care to the adopted horse. If you are under 21 years old, please include "parent information" in the Personal and Financial sections of this application.

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

- A. The horse must stay at the Equine Rescue of Aiken for the first 3 months for an extended trial period where the adopter and horse will be monitored and re-evaluated for compatibility.
- B. An established trainer must be involved with the adopter and horse for at least the first 6 months of ownership.
- C. After the 3 month trial period, the horse must be kept at a boarding facility with a knowledgeable equine manager.
- D. A young and/or green horse will not be adopted to first-time horse owners unless A. and B. guidelines are followed.

Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Owner/Rider)

1. Name: _____
2. Age: _____
3. Height: _____ Weight: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

4. Home Address: _____
5. Home Telephone: _____
6. Work Telephone: _____
7. Cell: _____
8. Email Address: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

9. Employer: _____

10. Occupation: _____

11. Full-Time: _____ Part-Time: _____ 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
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14. Will there be anyone helping you to pay for the care of the horse? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain: _____

15. How much do you estimate it will cost per year to own your adopted horse? \$_____.00

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 yes, how many: _____ Please list the breed of each horse:

19. Style of riding/driving that you practice: _____

How many years? _____

20. What breeds have you handled and ridden? _____

21. Do you have experience training green horses? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain:

22. Have you ever trained a young or green horse? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, 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? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain: _____

24. Are you still in contact with the person(s) you sold the horse to? Yes ___ No ___

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 (e.g., 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 Weekly ___ Monthly ___ Seldom ___ Never (companion horse only) ___
35. How would you rate your riding ability?
Beginner ___ Novice ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___
36. Do you have a trainer? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please provide his/her name and contact
information: _____
37. Does your trainer have experience working with young or green horses? Yes ___ No ___ If
yes, how many years? _____
38. Will there be anyone else riding the horse? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, explain their experience:

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

40. If you have an unforeseen life event (e.g., 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 INFORMATION

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 case. 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 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? _____ Hrs.
54. How often and how many hours per day will your horse be turned out? _____ Hrs.
55. Who will be responsible for turning out your horse? _____
56. Does the facility have pasture(s)? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how many acres? _____
57. What type of fencing surrounds the pastures/paddocks? Explain in detail (type of material, number 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 INFORMATION

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? Stall _____ 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? Yes ___ No ___
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 of your farrier? _____

REFERENCE INFORMATION

70. Please provide the name and contact information for the veterinarian that has been to the facility where the horse will be kept.

The veterinarian 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 2 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 INFORMATION

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, sold to a horse dealer or sold to the Amish? Yes ___ No ___
The Equine Rescue of Aiken reserves the right to pursue legal action towards the adopter should this occur.

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____