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**EQUINE BEING ADOPTED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Brand (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_

DFL Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned date for Pick up: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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! February Star Sanctuary 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 February Star Sanctuary. By signing below, you agree to the following:

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

2. 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.
3. As owner of the equine, you are responsible for all of his or her expenses, including but not limited to medical expenses, farrier expenses, and dental expenses.
4. You understand that February Star Sanctuary receives animals from many sources, including stray animals, animals recovered from cruelty cases, and relinquishments from prior homes. While we at February Star Sanctuary 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.
5. 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.
6. February Star Sanctuary 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 February Star Sanctuary. 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. If you decide to rehome your equine with a family member or friend, please notify us so we can continue to provide support to the equine.
7. You understand that February Star Sanctuary will contact you from time to time to provide support, if needed, and to check on the progress of the equine. We encourage you to contact February Star Sanctuary with any questions you may have or just to let us know how your equine is doing. We love to hear from our adopters!
8. If the equine is returned to February Star Sanctuary for any reason within thirty (30) days following this adoption, February Star Sanctuary will apply the amount of the adoption fee for the equine you are returning toward the adoption fee for any new equine that you may adopt within one year of returning this equine, provided that any such future adoptions are subject to approval by February Star Sanctuary. In addition, if an equine passes away or is euthanized due to illness within fourteen days of the adoption, the adoption fee will be refunded if a letter from a licensed veterinarian is presented to February Star Sanctuary. February Star Sanctuary will mail refunds within eight weeks of the presentation of the letter.
9. February Star Sanctuary does not guarantee the health of any animal and is not responsible for the medical needs of any animal.

10. February Star Sanctuary, 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 February Star Sanctuary, 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.

11. You agree that February Star Sanctuary 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.

12. To reiterate Section 5, and to further delineate:

Until such time that equines are no longer at risk of "slaughter," defined as the killing and processing of horses for human or animal consumption, (vs. "euthanasia" which is defined as the practice of ending the horse's life painlessly, to relieve suffering), the signing of this agreement bounds any individual or organization in possession of the equine as of the date of the agreement, and any time thereafter, not to sell the equine at auction for slaughter either in the United States, or by being transported outside of the United States. Further, any individual or organization in possession of this equine as of the date of this agreement, and thereafter, will not 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, either in the United States, or by being transported outside of the United States, in writing and by contract.

This agreement constitutes an offer of adoption by February Star Sanctuary. Your signature on this agreement shall constitute your acceptance of the offer, and this agreement shall be binding on you and February Star Sanctuary upon your signing this agreement. You represent that you are at least twenty-one years old.

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Adopter

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Date

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Witness

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Date