

# Horse Adoption Contract



## Adopter Information

FIRST NAME ( M.I. )	LAST NAME (Suffixe )
STREET ADDRESS	EMAIL
CITY, STATE, ZIP	PHONE
CELL PHONE	ALTERNATE PHONE

This agreement is made between Britten Farms, and \_\_\_\_\_, hereby referred to as "Adopter."

Adopter agrees to adopt and care for the following equine for the purpose of providing a safe, healthy, and loving environment for the horse and will abide by all anti-cruelty laws of the state in which the animal will reside.

## Required Level of Care:

The level of care of Adoption Hoses should be the highest standards in the industry.

## Required Veterinarian Care:

1. Spring Inoculations – Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Rabies, and any others recommended by your vet.
2. Annual Dental Care (floating of teeth)
3. Fall Inoculations – Influenza, Rhino, and any others recommended by your vet, and dental (may be combined).
4. Rotated de- worming as recommended by Veterinarian. Hoof care every 8 weeks.

Horses are herd animals and are happiest when they have other horses as companion. Horses will not be adapted out to a home without another horse.

1. The horse must have daily turnout of no less than 8 hours unless there is dangerous weather.
2. A vet is to be called for any illness and any serious injury. If a diagnosis of injury or illness cannot be treated due to financial reasons, the horse must be returned to Britten Farms immediately.
3. The horse must be trimmed or shod by a qualified farrier, going no longer than every 8 weeks. The feet are also to be cleaned regularly.
4. Each horse must receive the required daily feed allowance plus plenty of good quality grass or hay.
5. Each horse must be offered no less than 15 gallons of fresh water each day, either in buckets or in regularly cleaned out water troughs. A stagnant pond or creek is not an acceptable primary source of water.
6. The adopter agrees not to work the horse beyond its physical limitations at any time or to put the horse in harms way at any time. Miniature horses should not hold more than 50 pounds of body weight.
7. The horse must have at least one acre of clear-cut pasture with some shade per horse.
8. The horse must have at least a 3-sided shed in the paddock to block wind and bad weather. Preference is given to anyone that has an individual stall for each horse.
9. Your pasture must have acceptable fencing.
10. Variations of facility requirements depend on the horse, the region and the predominant weather.

### **Adopter agrees to contact Britten Farms for the following reasons:**

1. If Adopter can no longer care for the horse.
2. If the horse dies.
3. If the horse becomes seriously injured or ill.

It is advised that the adopter pay for a vet check if you have any questions prior to the horse departing Britten Farms facility. All costs upon departing and while away are to be paid by the Adopter, even return transportation. Britten Farms is not responsible for any accidents or injuries either to the horse or adopter after leaving our facility.

The adopted horse can be returned to Britten Farms at any time, regardless of reason, if you can no longer provide a loving, forever home. **The adoption donation will not be refunded.**

\*Adoption Donation: Concurrent with the Signature of this agreement, Adopter has paid a non-refundable adoption donation in the amount of (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) to Britten Farms. Payment in full of the adoption donation is required before removal of the adopted horse from Britten Farms facility. This adoption donation may be tax deductible by the adopter, although Britten Farms makes no representation or warranty in that regard. Adopter should consult his/her independent tax advisor to determine deductibility.

**\*Prohibited Uses: ADOPTER AGREES THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE ADOPTED HORSE BE USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES.**

Adopter's initials: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Disclosure and Release: Adopter represents, warrants, and declares that Adopter is aware of the following in connection with his/her adoption of the adopted horse from Britten Farms:

- A) That horses are different from human beings in their responses to human actions;
- B) That the actions of horses are often unpredictable
- C) That horses should be closely and carefully supervised when they are with or around children;
- D) That the adopted horse's behavior may change after it leaves 13 Hands Equine Rescue's facility;
- E) That horses in a new environment may act differently and Adopter will afford the horse adequate time (at least 7 days) to acclimate to its new environment before being ridden, to the extent the horse is rideable;
- F) That any statements made by Britten Farms and/or its representatives regarding the adopted horse, either orally or within this adoption agreement, are merely opinions and are made or given solely as a courtesy to those considering adopting a horse from Britten Farms, and in no way amount to claims, representations or warranties as temperament, health, or mental disposition of the adopted horse for Adopter's intended purposes.
- G) Adopter releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless Britten Farms from and against any and all claims, liens, damages, loses, and causes of action which may be asserted by Adopter and all third parties for injury or damage to all persons, property, or thing whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by the adopted horse.

**Adopters Initials (subsections A through G):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Britten Farms holds the right to recover the horse(s) if ever abused, abandoned, neglected, starved, or mistreated, etc., in anyway. The Adopter agrees to abide by the Required Level of Care, or the horse can and will be recovered by Britten Farms at any time. Britten Farms reserves the right to visit the horse at one month, six months and one year with 48 hours advance notice to the adopter.**

**I have read and understand the conditions of the Adoption Contract and agree to uphold the highest level of care for my adopted horse.**

Signature of Adopter \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ownership/Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Britten Farms Representative:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**

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**Saving one horse won't change the world, but it will change the world for that one horse.**

**“Without “U” , Theres Is No Rescue “**