



RANGER'S LEGACY EQUINE RESCUE POLICY AND ADOPTION PROCEDURE

It is Ranger's Legacy Equine Rescue's (furthermore known as RLER) policy to attempt to place each horse in the home best suited to the individual horse. In addition, horses adopted from RLER cannot be resold, given away, or used for breeding or racing. During the probationary period, the horse cannot be relocated from its original, approved facility without the permission of RLER.

Before a horse can be adopted from RLER, the following procedures must be followed:

You must complete and return a RLER Adoption Application.

If returning the adoption application through the mail, please allow 7-10 days for RLER to receive and review the application. After that time, please call RLER at (505) 730-6352 to schedule an appointment to go over the application, tour the facility (if feasible), and to have a short interview with an RLER staff member.

If the personal interview is satisfactory and if RLER has a potentially suitable horse at the time, RLER will schedule an appointment to evaluate the potential adopter's facilities. In addition, RLER will conduct interviews of the references provided by the potential adopter on the adoption application.

Upon satisfactory completion of the above, RLER will determine if there is a suitable equine match for the adopter. Please note that RLER reserves the right to deny adoption for any reason in its sole discretion, and is not obligated to state any reason for such denial.

When all requirements and preliminary adoption procedures have been satisfied, RLER will require the following at the time of adoption:

- a) Completion of an **Adoption Agreement** with such terms and conditions as RLER may determine in its sole judgment and discretion.*
- b) Payment in full of a non-refundable adoption fee which is based upon each individual horse and set at RLER's sole discretion.*

Upon final adoption of a horse, the adopter is responsible for the transportation arrangements from RLER to the adopter's facility in a manner acceptable to RLER. (RLER can transport the horse for a minimal fee)

*Upon placement of a horse, the adopter is **required** to submit, upon request to **RLER, a Current** health statement from the adopter's veterinarian and farrier. After an adequate period of time (determined by RLER), and on a case by case basis, there may be a full transfer of ownership. This will be further explained in the **Adoption Agreement**.*

At the time of adoption, RLER will provide the adopter with any health records it has relating to the equine, a halter and lead line (if needed) and information as to the kind and amount of feed the equine is presently receiving. Equines adopted from RLER include no guarantees regarding the soundness, temperament, or general condition. Adopter recognizes and agrees to hold harmless RLER, its heirs, or assigns forever, for any damage or injury to property or persons by the adopted equine.

The adopter will, at his/her own expense, provide the adopted equine with adequate and proper quantities of wholesome feed and water; safe and adequate shelter; proper and adequate exercise; appropriate hoof care and veterinary attention (including such treatment and preventative care against parasites as may be recommended in the adopter's area), yearly (or biannual vaccinations appropriate for the area of equines residence), and, in

general, treatment in accordance with humane and prudent practices of equine and/or large animal care.

The adopter agrees to advise RLER of the place where the equine will be kept, then further agrees that a representative of RLER is allowed to inspect said equine on the property where the equine is located to confirm that the care required in the paragraph above is being provided. This agreement authorizes RLER to enter such property with no less than a 24 hour notice.

The adopter agrees that the equine will not be moved to any facility for stabling, training or general care without the prior written approval of RLER. The adopter further agrees that the equine will not be sold, leased or otherwise transferred without the prior written approval of RLER.

The adopter agrees that the equine will not be used for breeding or racing purposes. If the breeding rule is broken, then RLER will repossess both the adopted mare and the resulting foal (if already foaled) without notice and/or repercussion on the part of the adopter. If the racing rule is broken, then RLER will repossess the adopted equine without notice and/or repercussion on the part of the adopter. .

*In the event that the placement does not work out for any reason, or the adopter is unable or unwilling to care for the adopted equine in a manner conducive to good health and well-being, RLER **REQUIRES** that the equine be returned to RLER with transportation being arranged by the adopter and at the adopter's expense. The equine will be transferred to RLER without charge or liability for expenses incurred by the adopter.*

The adopter agrees to notify RLER in the event of the equine's death and to provide to RLER a veterinarian's statement as to the cause of the equine's death if requested.

*The adopter further agrees that in the event that RLER determines that there has been a material violation of the terms of the adoption agreement (including, but not limited to, failure to provide adequate care as described, failure to allow access for an on-site inspection as described, failure to provide written documentation from the veterinarian or farrier in a timely fashion, or by moving the equine without prior approval) or is notified of the adopter's involvement with a Humane Society or Animal Control agency resulting in a warning or citation for the inhumane treatment of **ANY***

animal, adopter will be in breach of the adoption agreement and RLER may recover immediate possession of the equine. If such an event takes place, RLER may enter any property where the equine is located and take immediate possession of the equine with no liability. At such time, adopter's rights shall terminate and adopter agrees that he shall have no direct cause of action or claim against RLER, its officers, directors, staff or volunteers regarding such removal and termination of rights.