



Hooker Ranch Equine Refuge

Adoption Application

Dear Prospective Adopter,

We are excited for your interest in adopting one of our amazing residents. It is very important to us that we match each resident with the best adoptee as you will be entering into a relationship for the rest of the animal's life. Equines can live for a very long time, 30 to 40 years even! We invest a lot of time and resources into each resident and our donors and sponsors entrust us to make sure our residents will be well cared for the rest of their lives.

To be considered as an adopter, you must:

1. Be 18 years old (or applying with a parent/guardian).
2. If renting, have your landlord's written consent.
3. Be able and willing to spend the necessary resources for each equine's nutritional, medical, dental, hoof, hygienic and training needs.
4. Provide Hooker Ranch Equine Refuge with a veterinary reference. If this is your first/only equine, please find a veterinarian of your choice, meet with him or her and ask them to provide an email, letter or phone call to us stating that the two of you have begun a working relationship.

Applicant Information

Applicant's Full Legal Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Employer _____

Years with Employer _____

Employer Address _____

Annual Income _____

Names of Other Adults in Household _____

Number of Children in Household _____ Ages _____

Length of Time at Current Address _____

Own (circle) Yes / No Rent (circle) Yes / No Live with Owner(circle) Yes / No

Other _____

If Renting, Landlord's Name _____

Alternate Contact Information (A Close Friend or Family Member Not in the Same Household)

Full Legal Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Reference Information

Please provide us with the names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 personal references:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Equine Veterinarian Reference's Information

Equine Veterinarian's Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ferrier's Information

Ferrier's Name _____

Phone _____

Equine Dentist's Information

Equine Dentist's Name _____

Phone _____

Current Equine Information and History

How many equines do you currently have? If zero, skip next three questions _____

Please provide dates and types of last:

1. Vaccination _____

2. Deworming _____

3. Negative Coggins _____

Have you ever owned an equine before? _____

If yes, for how many years? _____

How did the equine(s) leave you? Sold? Death? Surrendered? Given away? Please provide details:

Describe your experience with handling, caring for, riding, and/or training equines:

Prospective Adoptee Information

I wish to adopt (name of resident) _____

I want to adopt _____ because _____

I am seeking a (circle) Horse, Mule, Donkey, Other

I want the following personality traits in an equine (circle) Friend, Sweet, Smart, Calm,

Independent, Spirited, Quiet, Affectionate, Other: _____

I tend to be (circle):

1. Dominating – I always need to be in control of what the horse is doing
2. Lenient – the horse gets a treat because a previously rescued horse needs extra love and attention
3. It Varies – I adjust to the situation on hand
4. Other - _____

Equine Behaviors I just cannot tolerate: _____

Do you intend on breeding the equine you adopt? If yes, please explain: _____

If your equine becomes permanently lame, or for some reason not rideable, or develops a chronic health condition, what will you do with him/her? _____

How long do you plan on keeping your equine? _____

What are your plans for your equine when you are out of town or unable to care for them short-term (such as a hospital stay)? _____

Will your equine live on your property or another property (stable, boarding facility, etc.)? Please provide the name, location, and phone number of the property owner / facility where the equine will be located if not with you: _____

Will your equine be kept in a barn or a pasture? _____

If in a barn, how often and how many hours will they be turned out? _____

If the equine will be kept in pasture, what is the size of the pasture/paddock area? _____

How many other equines are in the pasture/paddock? _____

What ages and genders are the other equines? _____

Will your equine have a separate enclosure initially to allow him/her to get acquainted with future pasture mates? _____ For how long? _____

What type and size of shelter is in the pasture/paddock? _____

What type of fencing surrounds the pasture/paddock? _____

Is there any debris in the pasture/paddock area (garbage/trash, metal, glass, etc.)? If yes, what are your plans to remove the debris? _____

What is the water source? Is it always available? How is it kept open in the winter? _____

How much time do you plan on spending with your animal each week? _____

If your equine becomes ill, are you willing to provide extensive care as necessary? _____

What do you consider "extensive" care? _____

Are other family members, or friends that live with you, in agreement with this potential adoption? _____ If no, why not? _____

Acknowledgement

I, the undersigned, understand that I am applying to adopt an equine (horse/mule/donkey) from Hooker Ranch Equine Refuge (hereinafter referred to as HRER). I understand that I must complete the application procedure and have the equine property or boarding facility inspected and approved before being allowed to adopt an equine from HRER.

I understand that my application will be voted on by the HRER Board at the earliest possible date and that I may not be able to adopt the equine I am interested in for various reasons. In addition, I understand that HRER may perform a background check to verify my personal information as well as check for any criminal convictions. I understand that if I adopt a HRER equine, I will be subject to follow up visits by HRER representatives.

I understand that I may never sell, give away, lease out, send to slaughter or auction, etc. the equine that I adopt. I understand that HRER is willing to take back any equine that I adopt if I find I cannot relate to this animal or can no longer care for it. Any adoption fees or related expenses are non-refundable in the event an animal is surrendered back to HRER care.

By signing this application, I agree that HRER is not liable in the event of injury, death or damage to any human, animal or property as a result of activities or actions of the equine I adopt. In addition, I, the undersigned, have read and understand the following. I have reviewed the health/veterinary record kept by HRER about this equine. I understand I may have a veterinarian of my choice examine this equine at my expense and I understand any health issues my veterinarian has diagnosed.

To the best of my knowledge, all information supplied in this application is true and correct.

Signature/Date

Please return completed application to: lisa.smith@hookerranch.org or mail to Hooker Ranch Equine Refuge, 5661 N FM 2869, Winnsboro, TX 75494