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BRUMBY GENTLING WORKSHOP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACK

BACKGROUND:

The Brumbies that will be trained in these clinics have been caught from the wild in Kosciuszko National Park in New South Wales by National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Alpine National Park in Victoria as part of ongoing management plans. The Brumbies are passively trapped, that is lured into yards with baits such as salt and molasses. The yards have triggers on the gates, which trap the Brumbies inside. Under this plan, many Brumbies are caught each year, with rehoming groups having an opportunity to take those they can home and the remainder going to slaughter.

Due to the nature of any trapping program and the nature of wild Brumbies, we can never guarantee what will be trapped and therefore available, in terms of age, colour and sex. Most Brumbies grow out to an between 13.3 - 14.2hh, although we do get Brumbies both smaller and taller than this. Brumbies are of a solid to very solid build and adult Brumbies carry average adults happily. Brumbies come in a range of colours, with the Brumbies trapped most commonly in our Alpine Country being Chestnuts (many with flaxen manes), Browns, Bays and Blacks. Roans and greys are very rare, but they do occur. The youngsters we take in for our Gentling Workshops are aged at around 9 – 20 months old. Trainers are able to choose the sex of the Brumby they train. Trainers will have the opportunity to choose their Brumby on the first day of the clinic, after we assess them all as a group. All colts will be gelded, all Brumbies will be microchipped and vaccinated and allowed time to settle on our property and get used to domestic fencing, water and feeding prior to the workshop.

The Brumby Gentling workshop will be held at our Brumby Junction sanctuary in Glenlogie Victoria. It is aimed at increasing our rehoming rate, ensuring that less Brumbies go to slaughter as well as offering new Brumby owners the opportunity to train their very own Brumby from the beginning under the expert guidance of our experienced Brumby trainers.

Brumbies have been born in the wild and as such, require a trainer with empathy and respect. A reasonable level of competence is required to successfully train your Brumby. Ideally, you will be familiar with basic horsemanship, principles of pressure on/ off etc. These principles however will be covered during the workshop. The critical requirement is a high level of empathy and commitment to training your young Brumby and to offering them a suitable ongoing home. We have had some people attend our clinics who started with very little knowledge but a high level of empathy and have done incredibly well with their Brumbies!

As an animal welfare charity, the welfare of Brumbies is our primary consideration. We do our very best to keep adoption fees within a reasonable range; consequently, we barely clear our costs in relation to what the Brumbies actually cost us in terms of care, vetting, and training.

Please read this information pack/ contract of sale carefully and don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have. Retain one copy for your files and return the original copy to us for our own files along with your deposit.

APPLICATION FOR BRUMBY GENTLING WORKSHOP:

I _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

acknowledge and agree that;

1. I will have the opportunity to choose Brumby I purchase from amongst those available. I will also be able to offer preferences in terms of colour etc, but there are no guarantees that the Victorian Brumby Association will be able to provide this colour for me.
2. The Brumby will be eligible for registration with the Australian Brumby Horse Register.
3. No more than two Brumbies can be purchased by any family within a three month period without review from the VBA committee.
4. Brumbies MUST have equine companionship on the same property, in the same paddock.
5. By signing this form, I warrant that:
 - a. I am over 18 years of age;
 - b. I have suitable accommodation for a Brumby, including, but not limited to appropriate, safe fencing for horses, with shelter, feed and a small yard for training purposes; and
 - c. I have a reasonable level of competency in handling and training young horses.
6. A 50% deposit of the clinic fee/ purchase price is required to secure your place and ensures it is not available to other interested parties.
7. The VBA will provide receipts, relevant documentation and your Brumbies Certificate of Authenticity (to prove their National Park and area of origin).
8. The terms of this agreement constitute the entire agreement of the parties, any prior representations, statements or promises are superseded by this agreement.
9. I agree that I will take my new Brumby home with me on the final day of the clinic. If I need to delay this date, it must be by prior agreement with the Victorian Brumby Association and the full knowledge that the above Brumby will incur an agistment fee of \$5 per day for each day that they remain with the Victorian Brumby Association beyond the agreed pick-up date. All agistment costs must be paid in full before the Brumby leaves the VBA.
10. I accept the above Brumby as they are at point of inspection and agree to be fully responsible for their ongoing care. I have read and understood points 1 to 5 (above).
11. I will provide: Rope halter of suitable size for chosen Brumby (Pony or small Cob), Lead rope of a minimum length of 3.6 metres and Hay net or hay bag full of hay for Brumby to feed from during journey
12. Cost for the five day workshop as well as full ownership of the Brumby I train is \$1200.

BRUMBY PREFERENCES:

I hereby request the following attributes for the Brumby I will train and offer a home to:

Sex: _____ NB: All colts have been gelded.

Age (approximate): Yearling ☐ Two year old ☐

Mature height (approximate): Up to 13.3hh ☐ 14 – 14.2hh ☐ 14.3hh plus ☐

Colour preference 1: _____ Colour preference 2: _____

Please note that although we can guarantee the sex of your Brumby, other attributes are based on preference and availability. We will do our best to meet your requests, but keep in mind that we are focused on rescuing as many Brumbies as we can and we truly appreciate your support in this effort! We are very happy to chat with you to see if we have the perfect Brumby for you (spoiler alert: we most probably do!). That said there is nothing quite like choosing from the yards on day one of the clinic to really assess temperament and suitability!

You can secure your place in the Brumby Gentling workshop by returning this form and a 50% deposit.

Payment can be made by cheque made out to the Victorian Brumby Association or via direct transfer to the following account: CBA, Victorian Brumby Association, Bsb: 063 671, Acct #: 1006 6183.

Once your position has been secured, we will consider your preferences for your Brumby. On the first day of the clinic there will be several Brumbies yarded from which you can make your choice.

Workshop dates are: _____. 50% deposit is payable by _____. Final payment no later than 5 days prior to the workshop.

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation is available at Brumby Junction. 'Glamping' in the Muster Shed, which is fully equipped with a shower, toilet, kitchen, woodheater etc. You'll need to bring a swag or similar to sleep in! Cost is \$15 per person per night.

Yes please, I will stay in the Muster shed from _____ to _____.

TAKING YOUR BRUMBY HOME:

Float requirements:

- Horse floats should have the centre divider removed to allow greater ease of loading and travelling.
- As these youngsters are only small still, putting a couple of bales of hay in the front section of the horse float will ensure that they are not tempted to go underneath the chest bar, keeping them safer on the trip home.
- You will also need a hay net for them to munch on their journey

Yard/ Paddock requirements:

When you get home of course, your Brumby will still be very green and unused to the goings on at a normal property. Having safe fencing is critical. Your Brumby will need to be kept in a yard for at least a few days as they get to know you better and also their surroundings. At a minimum you will need:

- a post and rail yard sized between 6 x 6 metres to 16 x 16 metres
- fencing to be constructed of either timber post and rail or steel post and rail (portable cattle or round yard panels are perfect)
- fence height to be a minimum of 4' or 120cm – 5' is better
- a stable with walk in/ out yard is perfectly acceptable

Once you feel your Brumby is ready to go out into the paddock, a standard, permanent farm fence of 1.2m height is perfectly acceptable. Stand alone electric tape fences are not suitable for youngsters in their first few months of learning about fences!

Companionship is critical! Your Brumby must have an equine companion in the same paddock as he/ she will be living in on an ongoing basis. This is where your youngster will continue to hone his social skills and boundaries. Horses are not ever happy alone, they're social, herd animals and crave companionship of their own kind.

Follow up:

You will be automatically entered into our Brumby Gentling Workshop Facebook page where you can chat with others who have attended Gentling Workshops and get advice – both from other participants and also from the skilled trailers at the Victorian Brumby Association.

Please stay in touch! We are here to help, to answer questions and will be thrilled to receive updates and happy to help if you're stuck! The sooner you get in touch if things aren't going smoothly, the more easily we can help you!

Signed: _____ *Applicant/ Purchaser*

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____ *for Victorian Brumby Association Inc*

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Brumby: _____ Microchip #: _____

Origin: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____