



ADOPTION APPLICATION

Date Received by ERA: _____

Internal use

All persons interested in adopting a horse from the Equine Rescue of Aiken are required to complete this application in full. Once completed, please drop off your application at the Rescue office, mail it to the Rescue, or email the application to: aikenequinerescue@gmail.com.

Applications will be reviewed and references contacted before scheduling a meet and greet. There will be a processing fee of \$25.00. We accept payment by check ____, money order ____, or cash _____. (Your application will only be processed after payment is received.)

All adopters must be 21 years old or older and be financially and physically able to provide the proper care to the adopted horse. If you are under 21 years old, please include "parent information" in the Personal and Financial sections of this application.

Any adopters that will be first-time horse owners must follow these guidelines:

- A. The horse must stay at the Equine Rescue of Aiken for the first 3 months for an extended trial period where the adopter and horse will be monitored and re-evaluated for compatibility.
- B. An established trainer must be involved with the adopter and horse for at least the first 6 months of ownership.
- C. After the 3-month trial period, the horse must be kept at a boarding facility with a knowledgeable equine manager.
- D. A young and/or green horse will not be adopted to first-time horse owners unless paragraphs A and B of this section are adhered to.

Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Today's Date: _____

Name of Horse/s interested in: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Owner/Rider)

1. Name: _____
2. Age: _____ Height _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

4. Home Address: _____
5. Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
6. Email Address: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

9. Employer: _____
10. Employer Phone Number: _____
11. Occupation: _____
12. Full-Time: _____ Part-Time: _____ Self-Employed: _____
13. How long have you been at your current job? _____
14. If employed at current job less than a year what was your last job and how long where you there? _____
15. If Self-Employed, please describe your profession: _____

16. What is your household's total annual income (circle one):

Under \$35K	\$35K-\$45K	\$46K-\$60K	\$61K-\$75K	\$76K-\$100K	\$100K & Up
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17. Will there be anyone helping you to pay for the care of the horse?

Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain: _____

How much have you budgeted, annually, for the total cost to own your adopted horse?
(This includes board, feed, grain, vet, farrier etc.) \$_____.00 Please explain:

HORSE EXPERIENCE AND HISTORY

19. What is your experience with horses?

20. Have you owned a horse before? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, when was the last time you owned a horse? _____

21. Do you currently own a horse? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, how many: _____ Please list the breed of each horse:

22. Style of riding/driving that you practice: _____

How many years? _____

23. What breeds have you handled and ridden? _____

24. Do you have experience training green horses? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain:

25. Have you ever trained a young or green horse? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, did you receive help from a professional trainer or did you do it on your own? Please specify:

26. Have you ever sold a horse? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain: _____

27. Are you still in contact with the person(s) you sold the horse to? Yes ____ No ____

28. Are you considering a mare for breeding purposes? Yes ____ No ____

29. If yes, what is your experience with breeding and foaling: _____

30. How many mares have you bred and foaled? _____

YOU AND YOUR POTENTIAL ADOPTION HORSE

31. Why do you want to adopt? _____

32. Have you ever adopted before _____ If yes from where?

33. Do you prefer a certain breed (please list) _____

34. What qualities would you like to have in a horse (e.g., age, color, sex, size, temperament)? _____

35. What style and level of riding do you wish to achieve? _____

36. What riding discipline is your primary focus? _____

37. Are you willing to change your discipline goals to suit your adopted horse's needs?
Yes ____ No ____
38. How often do you want to ride/drive your horse?
Daily ____ Weekends Only ____ 4-6 Times Weekly ____
2-3 Times Weekly ____ 1-2 Times Weekly ____ Monthly ____
Seldom ____ Never (companion horse only) ____
39. How would you rate your riding ability?
Beginner ____ Novice ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____
40. Do you have a trainer? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please provide his/her name and contact information: _____

41. Does your trainer have experience working with young or green horses? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, how many years? _____

42. Will there be anyone else riding the horse? Yes ____ No ____ If Yes, explain their experience:

43. What would be your overall goal for the horse? _____

44. If you have an unforeseen life event (e.g., loss of job, divorce, illness, pregnancy) what would your plan be for your adopted horse?

45. When would you like to adopt? _____

46. Are you interested in a specific horse? _____

BOARDING OR PRIVATE FACILITY INFORMATION

47. Please provide the name, address, and phone number of the boarding facility or private farm where the horse will stay: _____

48. Who owns the facility? _____

49. Do you live at the facility? Yes ____ No ____

50. Do you currently board at this facility or have you in the past? Yes ____ No ____ Please specify:

51. Will the manager/owner of the stable be willing to sign our "Boarding Agreement"? This form states that they will contact the Equine Rescue of Aiken about late board payment or improper horse care. Yes ____ No ____

52. If you DO NOT live at the facility, what is the monthly board fee: \$ _____

What does it cover? _____

53. If you live at the facility, what do you anticipate the monthly board will be?

54. How many horses are currently at the facility? _____

55. Will the horse have a stall or run-in? Yes / No What are the exact dimensions?

Stall Size: _____ Run-In Size: _____

56. How many stalls are in the barn? _____

57. If your horse will have a stall, how many hours per day do you plan to have him/her stalled? _____ Hours per day

58. How often and how many hours per day will your horse be turned out? _____ hours.

59. Who will be responsible for turning out your horse? _____

60. Does the facility have pasture(s)? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, how many acres? _____

61. What type of fencing surrounds the pastures/paddocks? Explain in detail (type of material, number of rails/strands, height) _____

62. How many other horses will the horse be turned out with? _____ Are mares and geldings kept separate or mixed? _____

CARE & FEEDING INFORMATION

63. How many times per day will your adopted horse be fed? _____ Please explain: _____

64. Who will be responsible for feeding the horse? _____

65. Where will the horse be fed? Stall _____ Pasture _____

66. If fed in the pasture, how will you ensure the horse is receiving the proper and required amount of feed?

67. What type of grain and hay will the horse be fed? _____

68. Based on your experience, how much grain and hay per day do you think the horse will need? _____

69. Will your horse have access to grass pasture? Yes ____ No ____

70. How often will you de-worm your adopted horse? _____

71. What annual vaccinations will your horse receive? Please list: _____

72. What is your planned farrier schedule? _____
73. What is the name and phone number of your farrier? _____

REFERENCE INFORMATION

74. Please provide the name and contact information for the veterinarian that has been to the facility where the horse will be kept. _____

The veterinarian office must have you or your boarding facility as a current client. Please specify who the current client is.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

75. Provide the name and phone number of 2 PROFESSIONAL NON-FAMILY references that are experienced with horses and are aware of your horse experience and have been to the facility:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____

76. Please provide 2 Personal References one family member and one nonfamily member.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____

ADOPTION CONTRACT INFORMATION

77. Have you read the "Adoption Contract" and agree to the terms and rules governing adoptions from the Equine Rescue of Aiken? Yes ____ No ____

78. Do you understand and agree that the adopted horse is **NEVER, under any circumstances, to be raced, sold at any auction, sold to a horse dealer or sold to the Amish?** Yes ____ No ____

The Equine Rescue of Aiken reserves the right to pursue legal action towards the adopter should this occur.

BY SIGNING OR TYPING YOUR FULL NAME BELOW, YOU CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____