

EQUINE RESCUE AIKEN

2024 ADOPTION APPLICATION

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: Adoptions@AikenEquineRescue.org

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 A. and B. guidelines are followed.

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

Date: _____

Name of Horse/s interested in: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Owner/Rider)

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

4. Home Address: _____
5. Home Telephone: _____

6. Work Telephone: _____
7. Cell: _____
8. 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: _____
18. How much do you estimate it will cost per year to own your adopted horse? \$_____.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? _____

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 case. Yes ___ No ___
52. If you DO NOT live at the facility, what is the monthly board fee: \$ _____
What does it cover? _____
53. If you DO live at the facility, what do you anticipate paying a month to care for the horse?
\$ _____.
54. How many horses are currently at the facility? _____
55. Will the horse have a stall or run-in? 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?
_____ Hrs.
58. How often and how many hours per day will your horse be turned out? _____ Hrs.
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 assure 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: _____ Fax: _____

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:

- 1) Name _____ Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____
2) Name _____ Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____

76. How did you hear about our program? Please specify: _____

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

- 1) Name _____ Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____
2) Name _____ Phone: _____ Verified By: _____ Date _____

ADOPTION CONTRACT INFORMATION

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

79. 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____