

WILD HORSE CONNECTION

Adoption Application

Applicant Information:

Name of the horse(s) you are interested in: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Occupation: _____ DOB: _____

Do you have the financial capability to care for an equine, including veterinary cost, farrier, vaccinations, deworming, tack/equipment, emergency safety net, etc.? _____

I am able to pick up, transport or take delivery of the equine immediately? _____

If you are not ready what is your timeframe? _____

Why do you want to adopt a mustang? _____

Do you own, rent, or live with family or friends? _____

If you rent, how long have you rented? _____

If you do not own and plan to keep the equine at your residence, please provide name and contact information for landlord(s) and /or owner(s) of property: _____

Will the equine be housed at the above location? _____

Describe primary area equine will be housed (e.g. barn, stall, shelter, paddock, pasture, arena, round pen, trails, respective sizes, flooring, footing, etc.) _____

If turnout is limited, how many hours of daily turnout will the equine receive: _____

Describe turnout area: _____

Will you allow WHC to conduct pre-adoption and post-adoption visits: _____

Have you or anyone in your immediate family or household ever been arrested, charged, or found guilty of any crime involving animals: _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Do you or have you owned equine(s) in the past: _____ If yes, how long did you own each _____

Why do you no longer own: _____

If you currently own an equine is each current with vaccines, deworming, hoof care, and dental care: _____ If not, please explain: _____

Do you have a contingency plan for your horse(s) in the event of a job loss, injury, illness or death: _____

Describe your equine experience (Care, handling, training, riding, schooling, competition, young equine, abused/neglected, Wild or feral etc.) _____

Are you willing to hire/work with a trainer: _____

Have you ever sold an equine or other animal through an auction: _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a rescue, humane society, or animal control: _____ If yes, please explain: _____

PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL REFERENCES (provide at least 3, vet required)

Veterinarian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Farrier Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Trainer Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Other Equine Professional

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Do you have a horse trailer: _____ If yes, please describe (year, make, type, etc.)

Application Process

The Applicant shall submit a completed Application package to WHC, consisting of:

1. A completed Application
2. A signed copy of the Agreement
3. Photographs of the property (housing area, perimeter and cross-fencing, shelter, water sources, etc.)

The Application will be reviewed and evaluated to ensure the applicant meets WHC requirements; and references will be contacted. If approved, application will be valid for a period of two months from the date of approval and can be applied to any subsequent equine the applicant would like to adopt.

After reviewing and verification of Package, a volunteer evaluator may be assigned to conduct an on-site evaluation of the property. The evaluator will verify that all animals on the property are properly cared for, and the property is safe, well maintained, and adequate for the equine.

WHC reserves the right to choose the adopter that represents the most appropriate match to an equine; WHC reserves the right to reject an application.

After the applicant's application and facilities have been approved, a WHC representative will notify the applicant that they are approved to adopt.

The applicant is required to notify WHC prior to any change in mailing and/or equine property address, phone numbers, emails or any other contact information.

If at any time the Applicant fails to follow procedures, violates the Adoption Agreement, or an equine's health declines, Applicant agrees WHC has the authority to remove said equine from the property without prior notice. On the day of the removal, the adopter will be notified in writing stating the reason for the removal and, if warranted, the revocation of the adopter approval status.

Approved Adoptive Home Procedures

When placing an equine into an adoptive home, the following policies/procedures will be followed:

1. WHC will set a non-refundable adoption fee for the equine. Until the equine is adopted and adoption fee is paid, WHC reserves the right to change the adoption fee as the equine progresses in rehabilitation and/or training, and the adoption fee may be reviewed periodically and adjusted higher or lower. The adoption fee should be paid by cashier check, money order or cash.
2. If the match appears to be suitable, then the first approved adopter will have priority on the requested equine. Subsequent approved adopters who request to adopt the same equine will be placed on a waiting list in the order approved.
3. Every effort will be made to disclose the known history of each equine, as WHC understands it. These are rescued mustangs and, in some circumstances, WHC may

have little or no knowledge about the equine's life. However, WHC cannot guarantee a mustang's temperament, training, or suitability for a particular purpose.

4. The adoption applicant is responsible for transporting the equine to its new home once the adoption is approved, and the non-refundable adoption fee is paid.
5. WHC reserves the right to inspect the adopter location at any time within the first 12 months.
6. Upon agreeing to adopt an equine from WHC, the adopter takes complete responsibility for the equine, including grain, hay, paste dewormer, farrier, and other cost including veterinary expenses once in their care, as well as responsibility for injury or damage to the person or property of another.

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Adoption Agreement

Adoption stipulates that the transfer of title is contingent upon the new owner's willingness to follow these conditions. If the new owner fails to meet these standards, he / she agrees that Wild Horse Connection (WHC) has the right to reclaim the horse in exchange for return of any adoption fee initially collected by WHC from the adopter at the time ownership was transferred. This does NOT include any transport fees, costs of care, feed, farrier, vet, or board. The horse or horses placed with the new owner are not available for rehoming or sale by the new owner *unless* "owner" is a viable 501 C3 organization and their standards for adoption are approved by WHC.

WHC suggestions for care:

Regarding nutrition, we like to keep this as close to the horse's natural diet as possible. Quality grass hays such as timothy or orchard grass are preferable. These horses do best with simple foods and proper trimming. Horseshoes are most often totally unnecessary.

Horses develop well into their fifth year. Although ground training can start at any age, we do not put a lot of pressure on the young horses beyond developing his enthusiasm and focus. As the horse increases his desire to focus, we can ask for more but should remember to always end the sessions positively, to leave him/her on a good note so that they *want* to spend more time with us again.

We recommend that the owner refrain from mounted training until the horse is at least well into their 3rd year or their 4th year. There is much that can be accomplished from the ground in earlier years. If a horse is substantially developed and is over 3, light preparation for riding may be appropriate. Remember that they were not created with us on their backs. Taking the time to let their minds and bodies grow strong will yield the best results.

The Adopter ("adopter") agrees not to use dominion over the animal to force him/her into a program that he/she is not suited for, or which causes the animal stress, injury or continued

unhappiness. WHC believes in establishing a relationship based on trust and respect to create a willing partnership.

If for any reason the horse does not work out, the horse(s) must be returned to WHC.

1. Adopter hereby agrees to abide by and comply with the following terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. Adopters are legally and financially responsible for providing proper care and shelter. The owner is to guard and protect the horse in his / her care from being subject to malicious harm or endangerment, negligence, harassment or outright abuse.
3. "Abuse" as used herein shall mean physical aggression, the withholding of food, water, or shelter and/or emotional neglect and loneliness derived from isolation from other equines. Horses shall be always provided with other suitable equine companions, sufficient room and/or habitat to move, roll, play and exercise at will on a daily basis.
4. Adopter agrees to treat the horse humanely and with kindness, dignity and respect always.
5. Adopter agrees to refrain from riding the horse until it reaches 4 years of age.
6. Adopter agrees not to use severe training tools or aids such as severe bits.
7. Adopter agrees not to breed the horse.
8. Adopter agrees to never send the horse to a rodeo.
9. Adopter agrees to never send the horse to an auction or slaughterhouse.
10. Adopter agrees never to rope or "trip" the horse for sport or in any form for training.
11. Adopter is responsible, as provided by State law, for any personal injury, property damage, or death caused by the animal in their care, for pursuing horses that escape or stray, and for cost of recapture.
12. Adopter agrees that WHC retains the right to inspect the premises where the horse will be kept without notice if there has been a complaint or concern for neglect or abuse.
13. Adopter will not sell or transfer guardianship of the horse without express written authorization from WHC.
14. Should extreme hardship circumstances arise where the adopter is no longer able to care for the horse, WHC is to be immediately notified.
15. In the event Adopter locates a prospective "replacement" Adopter, WHC retains the right to screen all potential candidates and retains the exclusive authority to extend acceptance of, or to decline, the candidate. The new Adopter must agree to all terms and conditions of care / ownership set forth herein by WHC.

16. In the event that the Adopter can no longer care for the horse, the horse shall be returned to WHC's care, custody and control. Adopter agrees to do what they can to pay all the costs involved in transporting the horse back to WHC.
17. In the event that the horse's life must be terminated due to injury or illness, this must be done in a humane manner. A veterinarian needs to document that further medical intervention would not help the horse, and euthanasia is the only humane option. WHC must be notified prior to euthanasia unless the situation is an emergency and immediate action must be taken; (horse cannot be kept comfortable, pain is too great, etc.). Saving unusual and emergency conditions, the horse's life must be taken exclusively at the hands of a licensed veterinarian through accepted veterinary injection procedure. If the owner wants to euthanize a horse simply because he has become unusable, or care may exceed the resources of time or money for the Adopter, WHC must be notified and given the opportunity to determine whether the horse can have quality of life if treatment/care is made available.
18. Adopter shall immediately notify the authorized representative of WHC within 24 hours via telephone, e-mail or fax of discovery of the horse's death, theft or escape, and shall provide a Veterinary Certificate stating the cause of death within three (3) days. The owner shall be responsible for any expenses incurred by the death of the horse and its subsequent legal disposal.

NO WARRANTIES ASSERTED OR IMPLIED:

Neither the Nevada Department of Agriculture nor Wild Horse Connection assert or imply any warranty as to the marketability or fitness for any particular purpose of any animal offered through this program.

There is also no guarantee from the Nevada Department of Agriculture or Wild Horse Connection as to the soundness of limb or organ of the animals. Adopters should pay close attention to the animals being considered and make their selections accordingly.

Age, physical description and other information provided by the State of Nevada Department of Agriculture are the best determinations made when the animals are being processed. No guarantees as to the accuracy of any descriptions and information are expressed or implied.

Examination of the animal prior to adoption is the sole responsibility of the prospective adopter. In the event that an animal is found to be unsuitable to the adopter, it may be returned to the Wild Horse Connection.

LEGAL TERMS OF ADOPTION:

This adoption agreement constitutes the first step in a legal transfer of ownership of the horse(s) described herein to the adopter with certain rights reserved to the Wild Horse Connection as disclosed above. The final step in ownership transfer will be one year after the date the adopter has taken possession of the equine and the wild horse has been shown to be halter able, vet and farrier ready. This is for the health and safety of the horse as well as owner, farrier, vet or anyone who is around or near the wild horse. Once the horse can be safely haltered, hooves trimmed and ready for vet care, the complete set of ownership papers will be released to the adopter, and the horse(s) will be released from ownership by transfer of brand inspection that will be provided by the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

The adopter agrees and understands that it is a wild and unhandled horse that is being adopted, and accepts all responsibility for the safe handling, transport and care of this wild animal. Wild Horse Connection will not be held liable for any harm, injury or damage associated with the transport, training, housing and ownership of any wild animal.

The adopter certifies that he/she is adopting for personal use, and that the horse(s) will not be subject to public sale or auction. Wild Horse Connection retains the first right of refusal, if the adopter decides to rehome the horse.

The adopter understands that willfully or negligently releasing any horse(s) onto any open range without first complying with the respective state's brand laws may constitute a criminal violation.

Please understand that you can contact WHC if you need a temporary home or emergency solution for your adopted horse. WHC will take all steps available to help you keep or rehome your horse, as mutually decided.

WHC reserves the right to repossess at any time any horse(s) adopted due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.

I hereby agree to Adopt _____ the following equine(s) in the amount of \$_____ each

Name of Equine(s): _____

I, _____

Adopter Applicant(s) signature - Date

Printed Name(s) of Adopter/Foster Applicant(s)

WHC Representative's signature - Date

Printed Name of WHC Representative and Title

Notes/Comments for approval: