

ADOPTION PROCEDURE

It is the Ride-A-Rescue's (RAR) policy to attempt to place each horse in the home best suited to the individual horse. In addition, horses adopted from the RAR cannot be resold, given away, or used for breeding. The horse cannot be relocated from the original, approved facility without the permission of the RAR.

Before a horse can be adopted from the RAR, the following procedures must be followed:

You must complete and return an Ride-A-Rescue Preliminary Adoption Application. Please allow 7 to 10 days for the RAR to receive and review the application. After that time, please call the RAR at (540) 320-1697 to schedule an appointment to go over the application, tour the farm, and to have a short interview with an RAR staff member.

If the personal interview is satisfactory and if the RAR has a potentially suitable horse at the time, the RAR will schedule an appointment to evaluate the potential adopter's facilities. In addition, the RAR will conduct interviews of the references provided by the potential adopter on the Preliminary Adoption Application.

Upon satisfactory completion of the above, a \$100 non-refundable "working session" fee is due and the RAR will schedule a minimum of five (5) working sessions with the potential horse to determine if there is a suitable match.

Upon completion of the five sessions, it will be determined whether or not the horse and potential adopter are compatible. The RAR may at that time require additional sessions, at \$20 a session, and will approve or deny an adoption. Please note that the RAR reserves the right to deny adoption for any reason in its sole discretion, and is not obligated to state any reason for such denial.

When all requirements and preliminary adoption procedures have been satisfied, the RAR will require the following at the time of adoption:

--Completion of a Permanent Adoption Contract with such terms and conditions as RAR may determine in its sole judgment and discretion.

--Payment in full of a non-refundable adoption fee which is based upon each individual horse and set at the RAR's sole discretion.

Upon final adoption of a horse, the adopter is responsible for the transportation arrangements from the RAR farm to the adopter's facility in a manner acceptable to the RAR.

The RAR reserves the right to conduct unscheduled follow-up checks on the adopted horse and facility at the RAR's discretion. Upon placement of a horse, the adopter is required to submit to the RAR an annual health statement from the adopter's veterinarian and farrier.

How Ride-A-Rescue Evaluates Adoption Fees

The process of trying to find the value of a horse can be a complex thing. Each horse is different in their own way and the market is ever changing. After great debate on how to fairly assess the value of a horse, Ride-A-Rescue has come up with a way to keep up with the ever changing horse market while still allowing us to value some of the key qualities of the horse we are researching.

At the time of adoption, we will do a search within a 250 mile radius of Christiansburg VA through the top local equine sale sites for a horse similar in description and key characteristics to the one being adopted. To make sure we are finding horses that are of similar age, experience, and temperament we will do an advance search on the web page and enter criteria that matches the horses we are trying to find an adoption fee for. We will keep the same search criteria across all searches for that particular horse.

Using the average price for the top 10 comparable horses, we will establish the base line of this horse's value. It is important to take any possible health issues or behavioral problems that rescues sometimes tend to have into consideration for each horse that is being assessed. If the horse we are assessing has known feet issues or physical defect, we will take a percentage off of the established baseline.

Please always feel comfortable asking any questions to ensure you understand how this horse was assessed. We want an open dialogue about any physical defects that will require ongoing attention in order to ensure the best home for our rescues.