

## Preliminary Adoption Application

Ride-A-Rescue Inc. (RAR) requires all applicants to submit a \$100 processing fee which is returned if we cannot approve you and is applied to your first adoption if you are approved, however this \$100 fee does not count toward the 5 working sessions with your adoption horse of interest. RAR requires a copy of the adopter's driver's license or picture Identification and a copy of a utility bill or some other form of residence verification along with photos showing: fencing, gates, pasture, barn/shelter, the adopted horses stall, other horses owned and the adopter/primary rider in the saddle if looking for a riding horse. If you have a video of the primary rider riding, provide a copy or if it is published on line, direct us to the website. RAR cannot process applications without pictures, utility bill, I.D. and processing fee. Return the application package to the address listed above. You can email your application to get approved quickly but we still need the entire original documents send via mail with original signatures.

Please note that if you are applying to adopt a horse that you currently lease from Winterfrost Farm or Ride-A-Rescue, the \$100 processing fee is still required but the 5 working sessions with your adoption horse may be waved. The waver of the working sessions is at the solely discretion of the Winterfrost Farm owners or Ride-A-Rescue board members. It is also very important that you keep in mind that your monthly lease payments are **not** considered payments toward the adoption of your leased horse. Lease payments are designed to **help** cover **some** of the cost of feeding, care and maintenance of leased horse and should in no way be considered as payments toward a horse. Typical feeding, care, maintenance and up keep of a horse exceeds the cost a monthly lease fee, by 30-70%. Please take great consideration of that fact and make sure you understand the actual cost of owning a horse before applying to adopt a horse.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse you are considering adopting (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1. Personal Information** (Adopters must be 21 years or older and have a steady source of income, the adopter is considered the person responsible for the financial support of the horse).

1. Full name of adopter \_\_\_\_\_

2. Other names or last names used (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Age of adopter \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

4. Complete home physical address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers of years at this address \_\_\_\_\_

County residing in \_\_\_\_\_

5. Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

6. Work Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you own your home? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you own the farm where the horse will be residing? \_\_\_\_\_

9. List each state you have resided in \_\_\_\_\_

10. A work number to verify employment \_\_\_\_\_

11. Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

12. Primary email \_\_\_\_\_

13. Place of Employment with address \_\_\_\_\_

14. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

15. Years at the present occupation/employer? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What is your income, annual gross (check one) \_\_\_ 10,000-15,000 \_\_\_ 15,000-20,000

\_\_\_ 20,000-30,000 \_\_\_ 30,000-40,000 \_\_\_ 40,000-50,000 \_\_\_ 50,000-65,000 \_\_\_ 65,000-80,000

\_\_\_ 80,000-100,000 \_\_\_ more that 100,000

17. How much of your salary is required for your current debts? (example: 50% or ½ of salary goes to debts such are car, mortgage, credit card debt, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

18. Do you realize it takes between \$3000 to \$7000 a year to care for a horse (feed, vet, farrier, board, deworming, lessons, training, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Describe any health, mental, physical, family or work issues, which could restrict your ability to care for, handle, ride/drive and provide for your horse.

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22. Will there be anyone else helping you pay for the care of your adopted horse? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who and why (give full name)? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ if yes, how long have you been married? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Have you filed for bankruptcy in the last 10 years? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, why (divorce, illness, laid off, foreclosure)? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Has anyone in your household ever been convicted of any crime or accused of inhumane treatment or neglect of animals or people/children? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
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## Part 2. Horse Experience and History

1. What is the intended use of the horse? Please check any and all possible uses:
- Companion (no riding)     Pleasure riding only     Trail riding  
 Dressage     Jumping     Barrels/poles/contest  
 endurance     Competitive trail     Eventing/Cross Country  
 Baby sitter     Pasture buddy     4-H  
 Pony Club     Lessons with adopter     Driving  
 Professional Lesson horse     Professional trail horse  
 Lead line with children     Fox Hunting     Hunt Seat on the Flat  
 Western Pleasure     Pony horse or Outrider     Reining/cutting  
 Herding cows/farm work     Work Horse     Polo  
 Police horse     Mounted Patrol     Search and Rescue  
 Vaulting     Historical Reenacting     Ceremonial /Color Guard  
 Carriage or Fine Harness     Family horse     Child horse (below age 16)  
 Beginners horse     Field Trials/Bird Hunting     Local showing/competing  
 Regional Showing     National level showing  
 Other –Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you owned a horse before when you were the primary care giver and financially responsible for the horse? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

Explain their use and type of riding, frequency and intensity of riding:

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3. Is the primary rider: (Check one) \_\_\_ Beginner (def: no professional training or not currently riding)

\_\_\_ Intermediate (def: can presently ride a canter, a shy, straight buck, spook or run off on something other than a lesson horse or professional trail horse)

\_\_\_ Advanced (in the last 5 years you have trained people and horses, have broke horses, ridden young/ green horses, ridden hot horses (TB and Arab), competed more than 10 times a year and riding consistently at present)

\_\_\_ Other: (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many years of consistent riding does the primary rider have (at least one day a week)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Breeds and ages of horses the primary rider has handled and ridden in the last 5 years?

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6. Have you sold any horses in the last 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_ Why were they sold?

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7. How many horses do you have now or how many are you financially or personally responsible for?

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8. Why do you want to adopt from RAR?

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9. Why are you looking for another horse? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What kind and how much riding has the primary rider done over the last year?

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11. How did you and the primary rider get your horse training/experience? Check all that apply:  
\_\_\_books/videos/clinics \_\_\_lessons \_\_\_showing \_\_\_competing \_\_\_trainer  
\_\_\_personal experience \_\_\_equine schools \_\_\_equine employment \_\_\_4-H Pony Club  
\_\_\_Equine colleges \_\_\_personal experience \_\_\_An educational mentor  
\_\_\_specialized training with Parelli, Lyons, Anderson or, Roberts  
\_\_\_Other (describe)\_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you also the primary rider/handler? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What is the height and weight of the primary rider/handler? \_\_\_\_\_

14. What is the height and weight of the heaviest rider? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you have a trainer? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what is the trainers name and phone number

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16. What is the most important characteristics you are looking for in your horse (example:  
temperament, training level, experience, a certain riding discipline, color, breed, age, sex, etc)

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17. What are the maximum number of hours this horse will be worked/ridden:

Per day? \_\_\_\_\_ Per Week? \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 3. References and Facilities

1. Horse related reference, Full Name and Phone Number

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2. Vet Full name and Phone number:

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3. Farrier Full name and Phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you used this vet and farrier before and will they have you listed as a client? \_\_\_\_\_

-if no, please give 2 additional references Horse related reference name and phone number  
(someone who can vouch for your experience and level of care)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

A Vet who can give you reference (name and phone number)

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Will this horse be kept at home (the address listed above) or boarded out? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you live on the property where the horse will be kept? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does anyone live on the property where the horse will be stabled at? \_\_\_\_\_, if yes, give name and contact information \_\_\_\_\_
6. Give the number of clear cut level acres of pasture that the adoption horse will be kept on \_\_\_\_\_ what is the total number of large animals on this property? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What type of shelter do you have for this adoption horse (example: barn, stall, 3 sided shed, describe in detail):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. If you have a barn, give the number of stalls \_\_\_\_\_ Give the size (in feet) of the stall that will be used for this adoption horse \_\_\_\_\_
9. What type, condition and height of fencing do you have for this adoption horse (example: 5'tall new board, wire, horse mesh, horse braid, etc)  
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10. What is your turn out plan for this horse (how many hours a day, alone or with other horses, number of horses, same sex) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Will this adoption horse ever be fed in the pasture with other horses? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Explain the conditions on which you put horses into shelter (bad weather, summer, winter, sickness,etc) \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you rug or blanket horses? \_\_\_\_\_ If so in what conditions? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you grain and hay horses daily? \_\_\_\_\_ Twice a day? \_\_\_\_\_ Only when needed? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Describe all facilities (example round pen, paddocks, indoor or outdoor riding rings, trainer or vet onsite, etc)

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16. Describe the following types you will use with this adoption horse :

1) Bedding: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Watering System: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Hay: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one) \_\_\_ Round \_\_\_ square

4) Grain: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not own the land or facility on which the adoption horse will be kept, provide the following:

Name of Boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of facility owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address of boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you boarded at this facility before? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If you are going to board this adopted horse at a boarding facility or anywhere that is not your personal property then the Boarding Facility Acknowledgment and Agreement must be filled out and signed by the Boarding Facility/land owner where the horse will be keep.

I promise that this application is completely true. Myself and all my family members totally support this decision and I will abide by the adoption contract totally. I take this oath freely, with no personal agenda or deception.

Adopters Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopters Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Write down anything else you need to tell us about this adoption or you feel you need to explain further:

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## Boarding Facility Agreement

As the boarding facility owner I understand I cannot take any Ride-A-Rescue Inc. (RAR) adoption horses on a lien for nonpayment as they are owned by RAR HQ and not the adopter/boarder. I understand that RAR will not pay any bills of the adopter/boarder. I will call RAR HQ immediately so that RAR can recover the horse if the adopter is late on payments to anyone for horse related bills, is abusing or neglecting the horse or planning to move the horse to another facility as that is not authorized without RAR's written consent. I understand the adoption horse requires grain, hay, fresh water, turn out, exercise, daily personal attention, a clean stall and fresh bedding daily, shots and coggins annually, farrier and deworming every 8 weeks and dental floats annually.

Name of Boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of facility owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address of boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Has this applicant boarded at this facility before? \_\_\_\_\_

Boarding Facility Owner Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_