



**13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc.**  
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## Adoption Contract

This agreement is made between 13 Hands Equine Rescue Inc., and \_\_\_\_\_, hereby referred to as "Adopter."

Adopter agrees to adopt and care for the following equine for the purpose of providing a safe, healthy, and loving environment for the horse and will abide by all anti-cruelty laws of the state in which the animal will reside.

- A.) Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_  
B.) Age of horse/DOB (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
C.) Gender of horse: \_\_\_\_\_  
D.) Approximate Height of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_  
E.) Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
F.) Registry and Registration Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
G.) Description of Horse, including brands, scars, tattoos, or disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Required Level of Care:**

The level of care of Adoption Hoses should be the highest standards in the industry.

### **Required Veterinarian Care:**

- Spring Inoculations – Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Rabies, and any others recommended by your vet.
- Annual Dental Care (floating of teeth)
- Fall Inoculations – Influenza, Rhino, and any others recommended by your vet, and dental (may be combined).
- Rotated de- worming as recommended by Veterinarian. Hoof care every 8 weeks.

Horses are herd animals and are happiest when they have equine companion. Horses will not be adapted out to a home without another horse.

The horse must have daily turnout of no less than 8 hours unless there is dangerous weather.

A vet is to be called for any illness and any serious injury. If a diagnosis of injury or illness cannot be treated due to financial reasons, the horse must be returned to 13 Hands Equine Rescue immediately.

The horse must be trimmed or shod by a qualified farrier, going no longer than every 8 weeks. The feet are also to be cleaned regularly.

Each horse must receive the required daily feed allowance plus plenty of good quality grass or hay.

Each horse must be offered no less than 15 gallons of fresh water each day, either in buckets or in regularly cleaned out water troughs. A stagnant pond or creek is not an acceptable primary source of water.

The adopter agrees not to work the horse beyond its physical limitations at any time or to put the horse in harms way at any time. Miniature horses should not hold more than 50 pounds of body weight.

The horse must have at least one acre of clear-cut pasture with some shade per horse.

The horse must have at least a 3-sided shed in the paddock to block wind and bad weather. Preference is given to anyone that has an individual stall for each horse.

Your pasture must have acceptable fencing.

Variations of facility requirements depend on the horse, the region and the predominant weather.

Adopter agrees to contact 13 Hands Equine for the following reasons:

- If Adopter can no longer care for the horse.
- If the horse dies.
- If the horse becomes seriously injured or ill.

It is advised that the adopter pay for a vet check if you have any questions prior to the horse departing 13 Hands Equine Rescue's facility. All costs upon departing and while away are to be paid by the Adopter, even return transportation. 13 Hands Equine Rescue is not responsible for any accidents or injuries either to the horse or adopter after leaving our facility.

The adopted horse can be returned to 13 Hands Equine at any time, regardless of reason, if you can no longer provide a loving, forever home. The adoption donation will not be refunded.

\*Adoption Donation: Concurrent with the Signature of this agreement, Adopter has paid a non-refundable adoption donation in the amount of (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) to 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. Payment in full of the adoption donation is required before removal of the adopted horse from 13 Hands Equine Rescue's facility. This adoption donation may be tax deductible by the adopter, although 13 Hands Equine Rescue makes no representation or warranty in that regard. Adopter should consult his/her independent tax advisor to determine deductibility.

\*Prohibited Uses: ADOPTER AGREES THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE ADOPTED HORSE BE USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES.

*Adopter's initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Disclosure and Release: Adopter represents, warrants, and declares that Adopter is aware of the following in connection with his/her adoption of the adopted horse from 13 Hands Equine Rescue Inc:

- A) That horses are different from human beings in their responses to human actions;
- B) That the actions of horses are often unpredictable
- C) That horses should be closely and carefully supervised when they are with or around children;
- D) That the adopted horse's behavior may change after it leaves 13 Hands Equine Rescue's facility;
- E) That horses in a new environment may act differently and Adopter will afford the horse adequate time (at least 7 days) to acclimate to its new environment before being ridden, to the extent the horse is rideable;
- F) That any statements made by 13 Hands Equine Rescue and/or its representatives regarding the adopted horse, either orally or within this adoption agreement, are merely opinions and are made or given solely as a courtesy to those considering adopting a horse from 13 Hands Equine Rescue, and in no way amount to claims, representations or warranties as temperament, health, or mental disposition of the adopted horse for Adopter's intended purposes.
- G) Adopter releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless 13 Hands Equine Rescue from and against any and all claims, liens, damages, losses, and causes of action which may be asserted by Adopter and all third parties for injury or damage to all persons, property, or thing whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by the adopted horse.

*Adopters Initials (subsections A through G):* \_\_\_\_\_

13 Hands Equine Rescue holds the right to recover the horse(s) if ever abused, abandoned, neglected, starved, or mistreated, etc., in anyway. The Adopter agrees to abide by the Required Level of Care, or the horse can and will be recovered by 13 Hands Equine Rescue at any time. 13 Hands Equine Rescue reserves the right to visit the equine at one month, six months and one year with 48 hours advance notice to the adopter.

I have read and understand the conditions of the Adoption Contract and agree to uphold the highest level of care for my adopted horse.

Signature of Adopter \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Ownership/Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. Representative

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_