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## **FOSTER AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made between 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc., and \_\_\_\_\_, herein referred to as the “Foster”.

Foster agrees to 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 Fostered Rescue Horses should be the highest standards in the industry.

### **Required Veterinarian/Dental/Hoof Care and Maintenance:**

- Spring Inoculations – Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Rabies, and any others recommended by your veterinarian.
- Annual Dental Care (floating of teeth).
- Fall Inoculations – Influenza, Rhino, and any others recommended by your veterinarian.
- Rotated de-worming every 8 weeks.
- To be shod/trimmed by a qualified Farrier, going no longer than every eight (8) weeks.

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

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

A veterinarian is to be called for any illness and/or serious injury, the cost of which will be the sole financial responsibility of Foster. If a diagnosis of injury or illness cannot be treated due to financial reasons, the horse must be returned to 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. immediately.

The horse must receive the required daily feed allowance together with plenty of good quality grass and/or hay.

Each horse must be offered no less than fifteen (15) gallons of fresh water each day, either in buckets or in regularly cleaned out water troughs.

The Foster agrees not to work the horse beyond its physical limitations at any time or to put the horse in harms way at any time.

The horse must have at least one acre of clear-cut pasture and a 3-sided shed in the paddock to block wind and inclement weather.

The pasture must have acceptable fencing.

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

Foster agrees to contact 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. for the following reasons:

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

It is advised that the Foster pay for a veterinarian check prior to the horse departing 13 Hands Equine Rescue Inc.'s facility. All shipping costs including departing and while away are to be paid by Foster, including return transportation. 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. is not responsible for any accidents or injuries either to the horse or Foster after leaving our facility.

The foster horse can be returned to 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. at any time, regardless of reason, if Foster can no longer provide a safe, health and loving home. The Foster donation will not be refunded.

**Foster Donation**: Concurrent with the Signatures of this Agreement, Foster has made a donation in the amount of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) and No/100 Dollars for a period of six (6) months to 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. Payment in full of the Donation is required before removal of the horse from 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc.'s facility. This donation may be tax deductible by the Foster, although 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. makes no representation or warranty in that regard. Foster should consult his/her independent tax advisor to determine deductibility.

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

*Foster's initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclosure and Release:** Foster represents, warrants, and declares that he/she is aware of the following in connection with his/her fostering of the 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 horse's behavior may change after it leaves 13 Hands Equine Rescue Inc.'s facility;
- E) That horses in a new environment may act differently and Foster 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, Inc. and/or its representatives regarding the horse, either orally or within this Agreement, are merely opinions and are made or given solely as a courtesy to those considering fostering a horse from 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. and in no way amount to claims, representations or warranties as temperament, health, or mental disposition of the horse for Foster's intended purposes.
- G) Foster releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. from and against any and all claims, liens, damages, losses, and causes of action which may be asserted by Foster and all third parties for injury or damage to all persons, property, or thing whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by the horse.

*Foster's Initials (Subsections A through G):* \_\_\_\_\_

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

[Signatures on Next Page]

I have read and understand the conditions of this Foster Agreement and agree to uphold the highest level of care for the fostered horse.

Name of Foster: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Foster: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Date of Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. Representative

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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