

# Maryland Horse Rescue

A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Horse Rescue Organization  
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## Horse Adoption Application

*The Horse's Welfare is our foremost concern - Maryland Horse Rescue reserves the right to refuse adoption to anyone.*

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

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip/County: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you over 21 years of age?  YES  NO If no, what is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

(Potential adopters over the age of 18 who have not yet attained the age of 21 will not necessarily be denied adoption. We do not adopt horses to anyone under the age of 18).

### Horse Ownership Information

Have you owned a horse before?  YES  NO If yes, when and how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any animals other than horses?  YES  NO If yes, what kind and how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted a horse from a rescue or animal protection agency?  YES  NO If yes, which rescue/agency? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is that horse now?

Who will be responsible for the care/feeding/training of this horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the primary handler/rider? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider your level of expertise in caring/working with horses?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner:          | New around horses, comfortable riding at a walk, limited - no horse care knowledge          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Beginner: | Comfortable at a walk or trot, limited knowledge, but can recognize signs of illness        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate:      | Comfortable at all gaits, can handle horses that test the rider, able to treat minor wounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced:       | Comfortable handling difficult horses in various environment/situations                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Experienced:  | Previous experience training horses and/or in handling green horses                         |

What practice(s) do you employ when correcting negative behaviors? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the intended use of this horse? (check all that apply)

- Pleasure  Trail Riding  Lesson Program  Police Force  Fox Hunting  Racing  Steeplechase  Timber Racing  
 Eventing  Hunter  Jumper  4-H  Pony Club  Roping  Barrels  Western Pleasure  Team Penning  Driving  
 Gaming Showing  Dressage  Other:

Are you applying for a specific horse?  YES  NO If yes, please provide the horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

If the specific horse that you are applying for is not available or won't meet your needs, would you consider another horse?  YES  NO

Will you accept a horse with a limitation, but one that is still suitable for the intended purpose?  YES  NO

Are you willing to adopt a horse that may have limitations on its use?  YES  NO

Do you plan to work with a trainer?  YES  NO If yes, please provide the trainer's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stabling Information

Where will this horse be kept?  Home  Boarding Stable

If boarding stable, please provide the barn manager's name and phone number:

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Please describe what conditions the horse will be stabled in and what shelter will be provided:

Barn  Stall  Paddock  Pasture      What are the turnout arrangements if the horse is not pastured?

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Are you financially prepared to provide proper veterinary, farrier, emergency care, etc.?  YES  NO

Have you or any member of your family/household been accused, issued a warning/citation, or been convicted of any crime including animal cruelty, negligent care of animals or other humane violations?  YES  NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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References:      Veterinarian's name and phone number:

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Farrier's name and phone number:

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Personal: provide two personal references, not related to you, who can vouch for your horse care abilities:

1) Name and Phone Number:

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2) Name and Phone Number:

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In submitting this form the Adopter agrees to and understands the following:

- Maryland Horse Rescue retains co-ownership of all adopted equines
- No breed or registration papers will be provided to the Adopter
- No contact information of the former owner will be provided to the Adopter
- Maryland Horse Rescue retains the right to unilaterally seize the adopted horse upon our determination that said horse is not being properly cared for, including neglect, physical abuse or mental abuse. If an adopted horse is found to have been abused or neglected, we will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law following our recovery of the animal.
- If for any reason the Adopter is unable to care for the adopted horse and needs to return said horse, it must be returned directly to Maryland Horse Rescue. No refunds will be given for either the Adoption Fee or any expenses incurred since adoption, and the Adopter is responsible for returning the adopted horse to Maryland Horse Rescue, at the Adopter's expense.  
**A \$250.00 fee will be assessed on all horses that are returned.**
- The Adopter may not breed, sell, give away, assign, dispose of or transfer the adopted horse. If an adopted horse is found to have been sold, given away, assigned or transferred, Maryland Horse Rescue will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law for theft.
- Maryland Horse Rescue reserves the right to conduct unannounced site inspections to check on the condition of the adopted horse and stabling facilities.
- The Adopter agrees to provide proper care and ongoing maintenance of the adopted horse, to include, but not limited to, year-round shelter, free access to clean water, proper feed, inoculations, dental care, hoof care and worming. The Adopter is also responsible for providing veterinary care above and beyond in the event of illness, injury or accident.

The Adopter must agree to these condition prior to the adoption becoming final, and the Adopter's signature, below, is proof of such agreement.

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application is true and correct. I give Maryland Horse Rescue, its officers and agents' permission to verify all the information contain therein.

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

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