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BRUMBY GENTLING WORKSHOP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACK

BACKGROUND:

The Brumbies that will be trained in this clinic have been caught from the wild in Kosciuszko National Park as part of an ongoing management plan by National Parks and Wildlife Service, which commenced in this form in 2008. The Brumbies are passively trapped, that is lured into yards with baits such as salt and molasses. The yards have triggers on the gates, which trap the Brumbies inside. Under this plan, up to 600 Brumbies are caught each year, with rehoming groups having an opportunity to take those they can home and the remainder going to slaughter, many of them to Peterborough in SA, a trip of more than 1250km.

Due to the nature of the NPWS trapping program and the nature of wild Brumbies, we can never guarantee what will be trapped and therefore available, in terms of age, colour and sex. Most Brumbies grow out to an average of 14.1 - 14.2hh, although we do get Brumbies both smaller and taller than this. Brumbies are of a solid to very solid build and adult Brumbies carry average adults happily. Brumbies come in a range of colours, with the Brumbies trapped most commonly in Kosciuszko being Chestnuts (many with flaxen manes), Browns, Bays and Blacks. Roans and greys are rare, but they do occur. We have chosen youngsters, aged either rising 12 months old or rising 2 years old. Trainers will be able to choose the sex of the Brumby they train (all colts will be gelded). Trainers will have the opportunity to choose whether they would prefer to take on a yearling or two year old, however this option may be limited, likewise with colour. The youngsters for this clinic were caught in July and August, 2017, allowing us time to geld all colts, microchip and vaccinate all youngsters and allow them time to settle on our property prior to the workshop.

The Brumby Gentling workshop will be held at our Brumby Junction sanctuary in Glenlogie Victoria. It is aimed at increasing our rehoming rate, ensuring that less Brumbies go to slaughter as well as offering new Brumby owners the opportunity to train their very own Brumby from the beginning under the expert guidance of our experienced Brumby trainers.

Brumbies have been born in the wild and as such, require a trainer with empathy and respect. A reasonable level of competence is required to successfully train your Brumby. Ideally, you will be familiar with basic horsemanship, principles of pressure on/ off etc. These principles however will be covered during the workshop. The critical requirement is a high level of empathy and commitment to training your young Brumby and to offering them a suitable ongoing home.

As an animal welfare charity, the welfare of Brumbies is our primary consideration. We do our very best to keep adoption fees within a reasonable range; consequently, we barely clear our costs in relation to what the Brumbies actually cost us in terms of care, vetting, and training.

Please read this information pack/ contract of sale carefully and don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have. Retain one copy for your files and return the original copy to us for our own files along with your deposit.

APPLICATION FOR BRUMBY GENTLING WORKSHOP:

I _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

acknowledge and agree that;

1. I will have the opportunity to choose the sex and approximate age of the Brumby I purchase. I will also be able to offer preferences in terms of colour etc, but there are no guarantees that the Victorian Brumby Association will be able to provide this colour for me.
2. The Brumby will be eligible for registration with the Australian Brumby Horse Register.
3. No more than two Brumbies can be purchased by any family within a three month period
4. I can provide the following facilities and companionship:
 - Suitable yard for training and introduction of Brumby to its new environment.
 - See page 4 for further information on fencing
 - Brumbies MUST have equine companionship on the same property, in the same paddock.
5. By signing this form, I warrant that:
 - a. I am over 18 years of age;
 - b. I have suitable accommodation for a Brumby, including, but not limited to appropriate, safe fencing for horses, with shelter, feed and a small yard for training purposes; and
 - c. I have a reasonable level of competency in handling and training young horses.
6. A 50% deposit of the clinic fee/ purchase price is required to secure your Brumby, and ensures your place is not available to other interested parties.
7. The VBA will provide receipts, relevant documentation and your Brumbies Certificate of Authenticity (to prove their National Park and area of origin).
8. The terms of this agreement constitute the entire agreement of the parties, any prior representations, statements or promises are superseded by this agreement.
9. I agree that I will take my new Brumby home with me on Saturday 31st March 2018. If I need to delay this date, the above Brumby will incur an agistment fee of \$5 per day for each day that they remain with the Victorian Brumby Association beyond the agreed pick-up date. All agistment costs must be paid in full before the Brumby leaves the VBA.
10. I accept the above Brumby as they are at point of inspection and agree to be fully responsible for their ongoing care. I have read and understood points 1 to 5 (above). In the case of fillies of breeding age, I understand that the above Brumby has been living wild with a herd of Brumbies and as such, there is a possibility that they may be pregnant at the time of sale.
11. I will provide: Rope halter of suitable size for chosen Brumby, Lead rope of a minimum length of 3.6 metres and Hay net or hay bag full of hay for Brumby to feed from during journey
12. Cost for the five day workshop as well as full ownership of the Brumby I train is \$900. Colts will incur an additional gelding fee of \$150 and will be gelded prior to the Brumby Gentling workshop.

BRUMBY PREFERENCES:

I hereby request the following attributes for the Brumby I will train and offer a home to:

Sex: _____ NB: All colts will be gelded and incur an additional \$150 gelding fee.

Age (approximate): Yearling Two year old

Mature height (approximate): Up to 13.3hh 14 – 14.2hh 14.3hh plus

Colour preference 1: _____ Colour preference 2: _____

Please note that although we can guarantee the sex of your Brumby, other attributes are based on preference and availability. We will do our best to meet your requests, but keep in mind that we are focused on rescuing as many Brumbies as we can and we truly appreciate your support in this effort!

You can secure your place in the Brumby Gentling workshop by returning this form and a 50% deposit.

Payment can be made by cheque made out to the Victorian Brumby Association or via direct transfer to the following account: CBA, Victorian Brumby Association, Bsb: 063 671, Acct #: 1006 6183.

Once your position has been secured, we will consider your preferences for your Brumby when we bring in from the paddocks the Brumbies caught back in July - August 2017. On the first day of the clinic there will be several Brumbies yarded from which you can make your choice.

Applications for this clinic cannot be accepted after the 21st of March 2018 and final payment is due by 27th March 2018.

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation is available at Brumby Junction. We have two options which are available on a first in best dressed basis:

- The Cottage, which comfortably sleeps 4 and is available for \$100 per night for four people, bringing your own linen.
- Camping in the Shearing Shed. The shearing shed is equipped with a shower, toilet and basic kitchen. You'll need to bring a swag or similar to sleep in! Cost is \$15 per person per night.

TAKING YOUR BRUMBY HOME:

Float requirements:

- Horse floats should have the centre divider removed to allow greater ease of loading and travelling.
- As these youngsters are only small still, putting a couple of bales of hay in the front section of the horse float will ensure that they are not tempted to go underneath the chest bar, keeping them safer on the trip home.
- You will also need a hay net for them to munch on their journey

Yard/ Paddock requirements:

When you get home of course, your Brumby will still be very green and unused to the goings on at a normal property. Having safe fencing is critical. Your Brumby will need to be kept in a yard for at least a few days as they get to know you better and also their surroundings. At a minimum you will need:

- a post and rail yard sized between 6 x 6 metres to 16 x 16 metres
- fencing to be constructed of either timber post and rail or steel post and rail (portable cattle or round yard panels are perfect)
- fence height to be a minimum of 4' or 120cm – 5' is better
- a stable with walk in/ out yard is perfectly acceptable

Once you feel your Brumby is ready to go out into the paddock, a standard, permanent farm fence of 1.2m height is perfectly acceptable. Stand alone electric tape fences are not suitable for youngsters in their first few months of learning about fences!

Companionship is critical! Your Brumby must have an equine companion in the same paddock as he will be living in on an ongoing basis. This is where your youngster will continue to hone his social skills and boundaries. Horses are not ever happy alone, they're social, herd animals and crave companionship of their own kind.

Follow up:

Please stay in touch! We are here to help, to answer questions and will be thrilled to receive updates and happy to help if you're stuck! The sooner you get in touch if things aren't going smoothly, the more easily we can help you!

Signed: _____ *Applicant/ Purchaser*

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____ *for Victorian Brumby Association Inc*

Witnessed: _____

Date: _____