

Adoption Application



This Adoption Application is used on behalf of **Lone Star Ranch and Rescue** (LSRR). For the purposes of this application, "adoption" means to assume care of the animal with contingencies set forth in the adoption contract.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Driver's License # _____

Is your current household income sufficient to allow an adoptive horse? A yearly minimum budget of \$1,500 of care costs (or \$400 a month if horse will be boarded). YES NO

How many pets and/or livestock do you currently own? Please list: _____

Please list the equine property address if different from your own above: _____

Will the equine be boarded? YES NO A facility has not yet been chosen

If yes, please provide the name, address and phone number of the boarding facility: _____

Alternate Contacts (please include two alternate contacts not residing in the same household)

Name

Email

Phone

Name

Email

Phone

Required References (Always call and alert these providers/acquaintances that a representative will be calling with a list of formal questions. Please do not include close family or friends.)

Please provide an equine or pet veterinarian reference:

Please provide an equine farrier reference:

Name

Name

Email

Email

Phone

Phone

1. What are you looking for in your Adoptive Equine:

2. If the equine is not broke to ride, where and how will training to place the equine under saddle take place:

3. How many horses/ponies/donkeys do you currently have?

4. What are your protocols for the following:

Vaccinations: _____

Farrier: _____

Dental: _____

Worming: _____

Equine Experience

5. On a scale of 1 to 10, one being no previous riding experience to ten being able to start horses under saddle and completely finish an equine's training, where would you place yourself as a rider: _____

6. Please briefly explain your history with horses:

7. If you currently do not have any equines, have you previously owned any? YES NO

If yes, please explain the circumstances: _____

8. In the past five years, have you given away, bred or sold any equines? YES NO

If yes, please explain the circumstances of each; use additional pages, if necessary: _____

Equine Facilities

9. Will the equine(s) be kept in a barn or pasture with shelter? Briefly describe the size(s) of turn out areas and pastures and shelters:

10. If the equine will be stalled, how often and how many hours will they be turned out daily?

11. Please describe the type of fencing surrounding the paddock/pasture:

12. Do you understand that equine activities are inherently dangerous and that any and all equines can be unsafe?

YES NO

13. Have you ever been investigated for, charged with or convicted of animal abuse?

YES NO

Adopter

I, the undersigned, understand I am applying to adopt/foster (circle one) an equine(s) from Lone Star Ranch and Rescue (LSRR), and agree to the following:

- I understand that I must complete the application procedure and potentially have the equine property or boarding facility inspected and approved before being allowed to adopt/foster an equine from LSRR.
- I understand that I may not be able to adopt/foster the equine I am interested in for various reasons. No reasons will be disclosed if the application is denied, and I agree to not request this information and to remain courteous if declined. I am welcome to submit a new application after 90 days. I agree, by signing this application, to never request LSRR disclose reasons for any denial of this application at any time.
- I understand that LSRR will check to verify my personal information and references.
- I agree to hold Lone Star Ranch and Rescue, its board, directors, fosters and all affiliates blameless and free of any liability should I be approved to adopt from this organization and visit any of the facilities where rescue horses are located and incur any injury while visiting the equines, whether while riding or handling the horses in any manner. I understand LSRR does not know the histories of the adoptable horses, and if I am approved, I will handle and ride the equine I'm interested in at my own risk.
- Should I be approved to adopt from LSRR, I understand that if I should find an equine that I would like to adopt, a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the adoption fee is due immediately upon initiating the adoption process. The remaining 80% of the fee will be due before the removal of the equine from LSRR property.
- By signing this application, I agree that I have read and understand the attached **Minimum Standards of Care** required of all approved adopters.

Signature _____

Date _____

Minimum Standards of Care

The following Minimum Standards of Care will be required for equines housed at approved foster and adoptive homes:

Feeding

Nutritious grain in sufficient quality and appropriate nutritive value unless equines are receiving adequate natural forage.

Diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, breed/type, condition, size, work level and quantity of equine(s).

Equines shall have no less than a body condition score 4 and no more than 6 on the Henneke Condition Scoring Chart (BC) to be considered of adequate weight. Exceptions are made for arrivals on premises less than six months and showing continued documented improvement or for equines under the continued care of a veterinarian.

All feed and hay storage and feeding receptacles shall be kept clean and free from contaminants, such as feces, mold, mildew, insects, etc.

If more than one animal is fed at one time or in one place, it shall be the responsibility of the owner/custodian to ensure that each animal receives nutrition in sufficient quantity.

Minimum hay requirements shall be observed with the quality of hay representative of choice grasses in the local area. Equines should receive a minimum of 2% of their body weight in high quality hay per day unless equines are receiving adequate natural forage.

Exceptions may be made for equines who need less to maintain an acceptable Body Condition Score or for those who are on a diet for weight loss.

Routine Maintenance and Care

Hoof care maintenance – Hoof care maintenance and trimming every six (6) to eight (8) weeks or as directed by a veterinarian or a farrier. Hoof care shall be done by an experienced person knowledgeable in standard farrier practice. Exceptions may be made for horses who are not yet tame enough to have their feet handled.

Hooves should be cleaned out at least once/week. Exceptions may be made for horses who are not yet tame enough to have their feet handled.

Parasites kept under control through either a daily deworming product or by deworming every eight (8) to twelve (12) weeks or as directed by a veterinarian.

Annual veterinary procedures as outlined in the Standard Veterinary Procedures Policy shall be performed.

Dental care - Routine dental work (floating) shall be performed as needed by a qualified veterinarian or equine dentist. Floating may be recommended annually or more often for certain equines by a qualified veterinarian or equine dentist.

Non-routine dental work shall be provided as needed in a reasonable amount of time.

Water - Proper water is clean, potable water that is available at all times for all equines. Exceptions shall be determined by veterinary consultation of professionally accepted practices for the safety and well-being of the equine.

Equines that are being worked or are in transport shall be provided water as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the equine. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and free of contaminants and be positioned or affixed to minimize spillage.

Space and Shelter for Each Equine - Each equine must be provided with space that is safe. The space for each equine must be free from standing water, accumulated waste, sharp objects, and debris.

Any fencing must be well maintained and in good repair at all times. Each equine should be provided with adequate exercise. Exceptions are granted when equines are under stall rest per a veterinary recommendation.

Stalled equines shall be exercised or turned out daily. Exceptions shall be made for times of bad weather, injured or ill equines, or equines who are not yet tame enough to be exercised or lead to turn out areas.

While not all pastures or turn out areas must have man-made shelter, man-made shelter consisting of a roof and a minimum of two sides must be available as needed for ill, injured, older, or underweight horses. The shelter shall be in good repair and free of standing water, accumulated waste, sharp objects, and debris. There should be adequate space for each equine that will be sharing the shelter at any given time.

Standard Veterinary Procedures Policy

An annual vaccination schedule to be maintained and conducted by a veterinarian. This includes a Spring Vaccination protocol to include Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, West Nile, Potomac Horse Fever, rabies and tetanus and a Fall vaccination protocol to include Eastern/Western Encephalitis and Tetanus.

It is expected that the Adopter will seek immediate veterinary intervention in the event the horse shows any of the following signs:

- Shock
- Colic
- Founder
- Broken bone
- Deep tissue wound
- Inability or unwillingness to eat or drink
- Blistering or burns
- Irregular or abnormal breathing
- Partial or total paralysis
- Abnormal discharge
- Severe bleeding
- Continued symptoms of heavy intestinal parasite load despite adequate deworming
- Weight loss
- Abnormal skin condition
- Hair loss
- Temperature fluctuation
- Diarrhea
- Lameness