



# Adoption Application

**Casey's Safe Haven Horse Rescue & Sanctuary**

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## Adoption Application for Casey's Safe Haven (CSH)

**Please read carefully**

1. If no co-applicant, Adopters must be 18 years of age, be employed, financially and personally stable, have horse experience or a solid plan to learn about horses, the desire for a LIFE LONG companion, a long term plan for the horse, have quality time to give to your horse, the money for the required daily care and have adequate facilities (similar to what the horse is accustomed to).

Potential Co-Applicant is defined as a person over the age 25, who is employed and will be legally, physically and financially responsible for the horse.

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

Name of the horse you are applying for (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

### 1A. Adopter's personal information

Adopter's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

Full street address: \_\_\_\_\_

County you reside in: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years at this residence \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own the farm where your horse will reside? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, where will you be boarding the horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter's or Co-Applicant's Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been accused of, charged or convicted of a crime, fraud or theft, inhumane treatment of animals, spouse/child abuse or killed a domestic animal? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe the offense, the date, location (county, state) and the disposition of the offense.

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### 1B. Co-Applicant: Fill out when the adopter must depend on a second person's salary to pay household/horse-related bills or when there are 2 people from the same immediate family adopting together.

Co-Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (month/date/year)



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**1C. Horse History** (all questions should be answered with regards to what the adopter has done as an adult, while you were the primary care giver and financially responsible for the horse).

Have you ever owned horses? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, How many horses have you owned \_\_\_\_\_

How many horses do you own now? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you looking for another horse? \_\_\_\_\_

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How many hours do you spend with the horses you currently own: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider yourself a beginner, intermediate, or advanced rider/handler. And why?

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Have you ever sold or given away a horse? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much riding you have done over the last year? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe what type riding

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If there has been a break in your riding or equine training, how long has the break been in years \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1C. continued – Adopter and the Adoption Horse

What is the planned use of the equine. Be specific please (who, what, when, how often). If competing or showing, describe the competition, level jumping, riding discipline, how often and at what level the primary rider is competing at now)

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What are the most important characteristics you are looking for in a horse (color, breed, sex, age, size, temperament, training level, riding discipline)?

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How many hours per day will this horse be ridden or worked? \_\_\_\_\_ (max) per week \_\_\_\_\_

What is the approximate number of hours you will spend with the horse daily? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spring/Summer) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fall/Winter) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a trainer? \_\_\_\_ If yes, trainer's name? \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer's phone number? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe in detail your planned riding for the adopted horse (length of time, intensity, time of warm up, cool down, walk, trot, canter and hand gallop, jumping or any particular thing you do each time your ride)

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## 1D. References: Please print

Vet name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Farrier name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse-related reference (someone who knows you and your horses, no family please)

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



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## Statements of Understanding

1. I have completely read the adoption contract and promise to abide by all clauses, including going to see the adoption horse, riding the horse before adoption, vet checks, giving the horse time to settle in to its new home, payment of the adoption fee, returning the horse to CSH, and the annual updates required. I have the required facilities, the desire to **have a life-long companion**, the financial backing, the mental, physical, family stability and the time required to commit to the above tasks for the life of this horse and everything required to keep a horse in good health and provide a good quality of life for the horse. I understand that horses may live between 28-40 years and **this is life-long commitment to this horse.**
2. I understand that there is an adoption fee for all adoptions payable at the time of. I understand that none of the adoption fees are ever reimbursed, even if I decide I can't take the horse or must return the horse, regardless of reason. I understand that Animals adopted from Casey's Safe Haven includes no guarantee regarding training level, soundness, temperament, breeding soundness or general condition. As an Adopter I assume full responsibility for any person injury, property damage or death caused by an Adopted Animal in the Adopter's care, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Casey's Safe Haven, all persons associated with the program, its heirs or assigns for the horse's training level, soundness, temperament or general condition and for any damage caused by the Adopted Animal. I understand that Casey's Safe Haven and its representatives do not know everything about every horse, regardless of how long the horse has been in the program.
3. I understand it is my responsibility to know my limitations regarding time, money, knowledge and riding ability prior to adopting and I will be truthful and forthright in my preference for an adoption horse. I understand that much of the selection of the horse is related to undefined selling of both the adopter and the horse, much like picking a spouse or mate. You need to meet to see if it clicks.
4. I promise that his application is true and factual and I understand that any false statements can result in immediate removal of all the adoption horses from my facility and can also result in legal action against the adopter in a civil court by Casey's Safe Haven and it's legal representative. I have read and understand the Adoption Contract for Adopters, and agree to abide all rules and regulations of the adoption contract. I understand that if CASEY'S has any questions or there are any discrepancies in my application that CASEY'S may decide to do a formal background check that includes credit, work, residential, farm visits, police check, civil and criminal checks. I understand that any falsification of this application will be considered fraud and the application will become null and void.
5. I understand that the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be subject to and be construed and interpreted under the laws of the state of Illinois and Kane County. The parties hereto shall consent to jurisdiction and venue of the court of Illinois for all purposes and for any disputes arising under this Agreement. If for any reason that CASEY'S moves from Illinois, the adopter will accept the jurisdiction of the state and county of which CASEY'S headquarters resides. In the unlikely event that CASEY'S dissolves or closes down, I understand another program will pick up the management of facilitating this contract and tracking the horse for life and that CASEY'S will contact me if this happens. The dissolution of CASEY'S in no way released the adopter or land/facility owner from fulfilling this contract.

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Print Full Name of Primary Adopter	Signature	Date
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Printed Name of co-applicant, Primary handler/rider	Signature	Date
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