



Silver Lining
Riding

Dear Horse Owner,

Thank you for considering Silver Lining Riding as the next home for your horse. Silver Lining Riding has been helping people with disabilities experience the joys of riding for over 10 years. It is very important to us that the horses we bring into our herd are going to be happy working in therapeutic programs. Being a therapeutic riding horse is not the best fit for every horse. The role comes with unique challenges and requires a very steadfast and trusting equine companion. Please help us get to know a little bit about your horse by filling out and returning the *Horse Profile* form. Completed forms can be emailed to Mandy@silverliningriding.org

After I review the *Horse Profile* form, I will let you know if your horse fits our program criteria and current program needs, or if I need more information. The next step would be an onsite evaluation with the horse so we can see how he/she acts in a familiar setting. This evaluation usually requires one or two members of Silver Lining Riding. We like to see the horse move on a lunge line or while ridden by the owner or someone that is familiar with the horse, using the horse's regular saddle and bridle. After that, one of our representatives will ride the horse and we will do a variety of skill tests to further assess the horse.

If the horse shows signs of suitability for our program, we may accept the horse on a 60-day Trial Period. Your horse also needs to be current on vaccines, deworming, and farrier care, and we may ask for a letter from your vet about the health of your horse. Sometimes we have room for the horse immediately and sometimes there is a waiting period for space to open up.

Your horse can be accepted into the program at any time during the Trial Period. Occasionally, the trial period will be extended to allow further assessment, particularly if class scheduling/breaks have not allowed for ample real-application experience. Once the horse has been accepted, Silver Lining Riding receives ownership of the horse and the donor will receive a letter stating that the horse has been donated and ownership has officially transferred.

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about Silver Lining Riding, our programs, or the donation process. I encourage you to visit Silver Lining Riding if you have not done so already; please contact Mandy@silverliningriding.org and we can set a date to give you a tour of our facility.

Thank you again for considering Silver Lining Riding for your horse's next career. We look forward to learning more about your horse and how he/she may assist our special needs client population.

Mandy Bowman
Equine Manager
Silver Lining Riding