



Adoption Process

The first step to a successful TROTT adoption is to submit this application, which helps us understand your horse experience, the discipline you ride, and the criteria for your match.

After submitting the application, you can make an appointment to meet the horses who meet your criteria. Currently the ones in training are located at our Orange County, Ca. barn.

TROTT horses are **NOT** rescue horses. Our horses are high quality Thoroughbreds coming from the major racetracks in California. TROTT is a nonprofit for retraining racehorses, and provides a lifetime safety net for our horses. We work hard to ensure our horses never disappear, and never become rescue horses. We look for adopters who share our mission.

TROTT horses have been given top quality care, with a foundation of groundwork, and under saddle training, so we can assess their talents for a new career--although most are still considered green. We look for homes with OTTB experience, or those who have a trainer with OTTB experience.

Pricing:

We have horses in all price ranges. Price does not determine the quality of the horse. The need to place the horse and make room for another one, along with the amount of training invested, determines the price. Horses are only placed when we think it is a good match.

Most prospect horses are priced at \$3,000-\$5,000. Horses with restrictions, limited to flat work, or pleasure homes, are priced accordingly. Sound horses able to compete at the higher levels may cost \$5,000-\$10,000+. TROTT is not a broker selling horses, and we will only place a horse with someone we consider to be the right match.

If we really like the match, we will make it happen. TROTT horses are our special horses, and they will only go to people we feel will love them as much as we do. We do not get our horses from rescue situations, or low end tracks.

When you come to visit, our trainer will first ride the horse. After seeing the horse shown, you will have the opportunity to ride him under the guidance of the TROTT trainer. If at any time we see you and the horse are not a match, we will stop the ride, in order to keep everyone safe.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If your budget can't buy the horse you want, we suggest you wait and save up. It costs the same to feed a \$2,000 horse, as a \$5,000 horse. Wait and get the horse you want.

We encourage you to be sure the horse vets out for your chosen discipline. Any records and scans will be copied to TROTT, and will become the property of TROTT.

We need to know your budget, so we can show you the horses who will be in your budget range. **All** questions must be answered, and a release of liability form will need to be signed by everyone who comes on the property.

We look forward to finding your perfect match! Please email TrottSoCal@gmail.com with any questions.

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Full Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Place & Type of Employment : _____

Work Telephone: _____

Cell Telephone: _____

What is your height and current weight? _____

This is important in matching horse and rider, especially for a green horse.

What is your age? _____

If under 21, a parent needs to acknowledge their approval, and financial ability to care for a horse throughout the 25+ years of its life.

(Parent)

Please remember that all questions must be answered, and the more info you give us, the better chance we can show you the right horse.

1. Do you understand that this is a racehorse off the track, & was likely started with race training? And that the horse will need an experienced rider, and/or someone capable of continuing his retraining as a riding horse? _____

Is there a particular horse you are interested in? If so, which one? If there is one you particularly have interest in, please be sure you have watched his videos prior to coming in person. Horse's name: _____



Financial Info

2. What is your budget for the adoption/purchase of this horse?

This is important so we can determine which TROTT horses may fit your criteria. We invest a lot into each of our horses, from the time they enter our program, through the retraining, to the adoption stage.

We will only show you horses who fit your goals and your budget.

Since the purchase price is by far the least expensive part of owning a horse, we do need to ensure our adopters are financially able to provide a suitable lifetime home. We always entertain offers for a perfect match.

You must answer this question in order to move forward. (If you submit with no dollar amount, your application cannot be reviewed. "Negotiable", "No Budget", etc. is not acceptable--and your application will be set aside.) If your budget is less than market value for the horse of your dreams, please know that TROTT is NOT a rescue with damaged horses being given away. We are trying to be respectful of your time, and the time of our trainer.

Dollar Amount I can afford, and am willing to pay, for the purchase of my next horse (Not including shipping costs, vet exam, etc.)

3. Do you fully understand the financial obligations to maintain a healthy horse, i.e., proper tack, training, vet, farrier, feed, supplements, etc.?

And are you capable of doing so, without sharing those financial obligations with another party through a lease, or otherwise being dependent on another person?

What do you anticipate the cost will be to care for your horse per month? Including feed, board, farrier, vet, supplements, training, etc.?

Horse Stabling

4. Where will the horse be stabled? Boarding Facility My Farm

If he will be stabled on your property, do you **own**, or have a **longterm lease** on the property? _____

Are there other horses at the facility where the horse will live? _____

5. Please describe horse's living conditions--type & size of space, etc.

How many hours per day will the horse be turned out? _____

6. Name of Boarding Facility, and website _____

Contact person for the facility _____

Email for this contact person _____

Cell for this contact person _____

Prior to finalizing an adoption, we must see photos of the facility. Please give us any other facility info you would like us to have: _____



Horse Experience:

7. Describe Your Recent Riding Experience. If you have show experience, please share the level you have achieved._____

How would you and/or your trainer rate your riding ability?

8. Describe Your Horse Care Experience, and the daily schedule for your horse. i.e., daily care you will provide, trainer schooling, turnout, owner riding, etc.

9. Do you have experience working with horses recently off the track? Please explain, if so. _____

If not, having the horse in full training with an OTTB experienced trainer who has been approved by TROTT, will be sufficient as well.

10. Do you have a trainer with OTTB experience? (References will only be checked after you are approved for a horse.)_____

Name of trainer _____

Trainer's Email _____

Trainer's Cell _____

Having the right support system in place is critical to a successful adoption. We recommend you find a trainer who will be that support, before you come meet the horses.

11. Will your trainer be part of your decision making process? _____

We highly recommend your trainer come with you to try our horses. If this isn't possible, we will require a video of you riding, and a conversation with your trainer prior to allowing you to ride our horses.

12. Everyone who is part of your decision process will be part of the adoption approval. Who will make the decision on acquiring your next horse?

Although we do allow our horses to be adopted out of state, you will be required to come in person to meet and ride the horse.

We cannot assess a good match without seeing you and the horse in person.

13. What style and level of riding do you wish to achieve? _____

14. Do you plan to compete in any discipline? _____

If so, which discipline, and to which level of competition? _____

15. What is your overall goal for the horse? _____



16. Intended use: Please indicate how you intend to use your horse, i.e.,

- * Pasture/Non-riding Companion Only _____
- * Trail Riding _____
- * Western Pleasure _____
- * Western Performance _____
- * 4H or Pony Club _____
- * Light Showing (English and/or Western) _____
- * Dressage Level? _____
- * Hunter/Jumper Circuit? _____
- * Eventing Level? _____
- * Other _____

If Other, please explain. _____

Please give detailed information about your goals, and intended use of your horse. We will show you those horses which fit your budget, and goals.

17. Do you understand that this horse may have been raced, and may have had previous injuries? _____

TROTT will tell you everything we know about our horses. We are trying to make a lifetime placement, with the best match for horse and owner. We always take our horses back should they ever need us.

TROTT does **not** typically have previous vet records, nor do we order radiographs, scans, etc., without demonstrated medical need. Our vet sponsors at the track ensure we take horses who have a future as a riding horse, but we do not invest in scans, ultrasounds, x-rays, etc., without a demonstrated need. If you want to jump competitively, please plan to x-ray legs in the PPE.

We encourage you to get a pre-purchase exam to determine if the horse is sound for your intended use.

The adopter agrees in advance that TROTT has the right to obtain all veterinary records directly from any veterinarian performing a pre-purchase exam, and that execution of this form shall serve as a release to the applicable veterinarian, authorizing the delivery to TROTT all veterinary records maintained.

Acknowledged _____

18. Please use this area to describe your **past or current horse ownership**, & anything else you can share about your hopes for this horse which will enable us to make the best match possible.

The more we know, the easier to introduce you to that dream horse!



References

References will be contacted **only** after the adopter is ready to move forward, and has done their due diligence re condition of the horse, suitability for their discipline, etc.

19. Vet Reference _____

Who is a client of this vet, you or the boarding facility? _____

Contact info for this vet _____

20. Farrier Reference _____

Who is a client of this farrier, you or the boarding facility? _____

Contact info for this farrier _____

21. Boarding Facility Manager _____

Contact info for manager _____

22. Please provide the name and contact for two NON-FAMILY references. These references should be experienced horse people with knowledge of your horse experience. We prefer email contact.

Reference 1 _____

Contact info _____

Reference 2 _____

Contact info _____

Additional Information

23. When was the last time you rode a horse? _____

24. Have you ever owned a horse? Where is that horse now? _____

25. Why do you want to adopt an ex-racehorse? _____

26. How did you hear about TROTT? _____

27. Have you visited our website and understand our mission? If not, please do so prior to visiting. We want to ensure our adopters understand, and would like to be a part of our mission, prior to visiting our horses. _____

28. Are you on board with the TROTT mission to help us never lose touch with this horse--and will bring the horse back to TROTT if you are ever not able to keep him, nor able to find him a suitable home? _____



23. Do you intend to transfer the ownership of this horse after retraining? This is allowed, but TROTT has first right of refusal, and must never lose track of the horse.

Important: Please be sure you understand the *Lifetime Conditional Bill of Sale paragraph* below:

Lifetime Conditional Bill of Sale: Upon final adoption approval, A Lifetime Conditional Bill of Sale will be required to be signed. The horse may never race again. Follow up site visits may be performed. **Although you are allowed to sell, lease or transfer an Adopted Horse, the Lifetime Conditional Bill of Sale means that TROTT will always be given first right of refusal.** TROTT hopes to make a permanent placement, but we are committed to being a safety net for all of our horses, should they ever need to come back.

30. Do you understand AND agree to the Lifetime Conditional Bill of Sale, to help us never lose track of this TROTT horse?

31. Have you ever sold a horse to a horse dealer that buys and sells at auctions or have you ever sold a horse through an auction? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

We appreciate your inquiry regarding one of our TROTT horses. You can see that we take great care to find the right match for each one. Every question must be answered for your application to be considered. The final approval process will not start until the adopter has done their due diligence, and the horse will continue to be shown to other prospects, until the adoption is finalized, and full payment received--UNLESS a NON-Refundable deposit is given.

Please be sure you understand the **Hold** policy on the following page.



TROTT's Hold Policy for Adoptions:

In the best interest of the horse, TROTT horses are ONLY taken off the market and put on hold, with a NON-REFUNDABLE \$500 deposit. This will take the horse off the market for 10 days while references are checked, and any PPE is done. Adopters can do a Pre-Purchase exam without a deposit, but the horse will continue to be shown to other prospects.

We encourage all prospective adopters to do a Pre-Purchase Exam, and any scans they choose, prior to making a decision, in order to be sure the horse is suitable for their chosen discipline. A copy of any vet records will become the property of TROTT

Reference checks are the final step in the approval process.

TROTT will give you a list of approved haulers, and we strongly encourage you to use one of our trusted shippers for your horse's first trip home. Adopters are responsible to arrange the shipping, and order any health certificates, etc.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that inaccurate or false statements made on this Adoption Questionnaire may void this sale at a later date. I verify all information submitted is true.

*I also acknowledge that my approval is **not guaranteed** by completion of this form; that it is subject to TROTT's sole discretion, and that it may be withdrawn should the circumstances upon which my approval was based, change, or **another adopter** is approved.*

*TROTT will **always** operate in the best interest of the horse.*

Printed Name: _____

Signature _____

(if under 21, form must be signed by a parent)

Date: _____ **Best Email Contact:** _____

Best Cell Phone contact: _____



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Please use this page for any additional info you would like us to have.