

Footprints 4 Life

Foster Care/Adoption Application

1. Adopter understands and agrees that the equine identified in this contract remains the property of the Rescue for a one-year period beginning on the signed date. The equine will be maintained and cared for by Adopter under this agreement and that if, in the opinion of the Rescue, Adopter has maintained and cared for the equine in a manner as set forth in the Adoption Policy's "Required Level of Care," Adopter will be allowed to retain the equine and all right, title and interest to the equine will be released to Adopter after the end of this one-year period.
2. Adopter understands that during this one-year period, Adopter may not sell, give away, lend, lease, sell for slaughter, remove from Adopter's personal supervision and control or move the equine from the address described herein, except for emergencies, shows, trail rides and other situations, without the written approval of the Rescue. During the one-year period except for reasons listed in (1), should the equine not be at the location as stated herein upon inspection by a Rescue representative, Adopter will immediately relinquish any rights or interest Adopter may have in the equine and Adopter shall assist in every way possible to locate and return said equine to the Rescue. Adopter will be responsible for any costs incurred by the Rescue to acquire and transport said equine back to the Rescue facilities. **Adopter also agrees that if the rules of this contract are not followed and horse is released to anyone other than the Rescue or Rescue approved person, adopter will be responsible for a value of horse/horses of \$2,500.00 each to be paid to the Rescue.**
3. Should Adopter decide that the equine is no longer wanted for any reason during the one-year period that equine must be returned to Rescue and no one else.
4. Adopter agrees that, during this one-year period, should it become necessary to euthanize said equine for medical reasons Adopter must provide written proof as a statement from the attending veterinarian. If horse should be found dead then veterinarian must be called to document the death before haul off can occur.
5. Adopter agrees that Rescue representative can come and inspect horse at any time to be sure that all agreements of this contract are being followed. If you are boarding this equine at a boarding facility Rescue must have access to viewing horse at any time during business hours. If you wish to move to a new location approval must be given by Rescue and new location must be filed with Rescue.
6. Adopter agrees never to breed the above-described equine for the duration of the equine's life.

7. If Adopter's death occurs during the one-year contract period, each and all parts of this contract will be transferred and automatically assigned to Adopter's heirs in their entirety as if such parties had signed the original contract.
8. Adopter represents that they have read and agree with all statements and agree to be bound by all conditions contained herein and signed by Adopter.
9. I understand that it is my responsibility to read, understand and obey the current adoption policies of the Rescue.

Adopters must be 21 years or older and have a steady source of income, the adopter is considered the person responsible for the financial support of the horse

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Veterinarians Name: _____

Veterinarians Phone Number: _____

Have you ever been convicted of Animal Cruelty? _____

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Is the horse to be stabled on your property or boarded out? _____

If on your property, how will horse be housed: _____

Are you a current Horse owner? _____, # of years: _____

of horses currently owned? _____

of horses on this property? _____

If boarded out, Name of Stable or Boarding Facility: _____

Address of Boarding Facility: _____

Phone Number of Boarding Facility: _____

Owner of Boarding Facility: _____

Is their shelter provided for the Horses? _____

& Size of stalls in barn: _____

Will the Horse have a proper amount of time turned out? _____

Please describe what purpose your adopted horse will serve in your lives: _____

Please describe what type of horse that you are seeking: _____

Required level of care:

The level of care of Adoption Horses should be the highest standards in the Industry.

The horse must have all the annual shots, spring and fall.

Shots are to include Strangles, EPM, West Nile, Eastern/Western, Tetanus, Rhino, and Influenza, unless otherwise noted by your Veterinarian.

The horse must be de-wormed by paste every 3 months rotating between types, unless otherwise noted by your vet.

The horse must have daily turnout of no less than 1 hour unless there is dangerous weather. Or follow the policy of boarding facility.

A Vet is to be called for any illness and any serious injury. If diagnosis of injury or illness cannot be treated due to financial reasons, horse must be returned to Footprints 4 Life immediately.

The horse must be trimmed or shod by a qualified Farrier, going no longer than every 8 weeks. The Feet are to be cleaned regularly.

Each horse must receive the required daily feed allowance of good quality grass or Hay.

Each horse must have access to fresh water each day, all day either in buckets or in regularly cleaned out water troughs. If automatic waterer is used they must be checked daily. A stagnant pond or creek is not an acceptable primary source of water.

Adoption Horses are to have their teeth checked and floated, if needed, annually.

The adopter agrees not to work the horse beyond its physical limitations at any time or to put the horse in harm's way at any time.

Miniature Horses should not hold more than 50 pounds of body weight.

If pastured the horse must have at least one acre of clear-cut pasture with some shades per horse.

The horse must have at least a 3-sided shed in the paddock to block wind and bad weather. Preference is given to anyone that has an individual stall for each horse.

Your Pasture must have acceptable fencing.

Variations in facility requirements depend on the horse, the region and the predominant weather.

The Adopter agrees to notify Footprints 4 Life Rescue if you intend to sell or transfer the horse after the one-year period.

The Adopter agrees to contact Footprints 4 Life Rescue for the following reasons:

1) Prior to the horse being moved to another residence.

2) If Adopted Horse Dies.

3) If Adopted Horse becomes seriously injured or ill.

It is advised that the adopter pay for a Vet Check if you have any questions prior to the horse departing Footprints 4 Life Rescue Facility. All costs upon departing and while away are to be paid by the Adopter, even return transportation. Footprints 4 Life Rescue is not responsible for any accidents or injuries either to the horse or adopter after leaving our facility.

The Adopted Horse can be returned to Footprints 4 Life Rescue at any time, regardless of reason, if you can no longer provide a loving, forever home.

*** Disclosure and Release:** *Adopter represents, warrants, and declares that Adopter is aware of the following in connection with his/her adoption of the Adopted Animal from Footprints 4 Life Rescue:*

- A) That animals are different from human beings in their responses to human actions.*
- B) That the actions of animals are often unpredictable*
- C) That animals should be closely and carefully supervised when they are with or around children;*
- D) That the Adopted Animal's behavior may change after it leaves Footprints 4 Life premises.*
- E) That animals in a new environment may act differently and Adopter will afford the adopted animal adequate time (at least 7 days) to acclimate to its new environment before being ridden, to the extent the Adopted Animal is rideable;*
- F) That any statements made by Footprints 4 Life regarding the adopted animal, either orally or within this adoption agreement, are merely opinions and are made or given solely as a courtesy to those considering adopting an animal, and in no way amount to claims, representations or warranties as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of the Adopted Animal or the suitability or safety of the Adopted Animal for Adopter's intended purposes.*
- G) Adopter releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless Footprints 4 Life Rescue from and against any and all claims, liens, damages, losses, and causes of action which may be asserted by Adopter and all third parties for injury or damage to all persons, property, or thing whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by the Adopted Animal.*

Footprints 4 Life Rescue holds the right to recover the horse/s if ever abused, abandoned, neglected, starved, or mistreated, etc., in anyway. The adopter agrees to abide by the Required Level of Care, or the horse can and will be recovered by Footprints 4 Life Rescue at any time. I have read and understand the conditions of the Adoption Contract and agree to uphold the highest level of care for my Adopted Horse.

Horse you are considering adopting (if known): _____
How did you hear about us? _____

Part 1. Personal Information

1. Do you own your home? _____
2. Do you own the farm where the horse will be residing? _____
3. List each state you have resided in _____
4. A work number to verify employment _____
5. Cell Phone Number _____
6. Home email _____
7. Work email _____
8. Place of Employment with address _____

Occupation _____

1. Years at the present occupation/employer? _____
2. What is your income (annual gross)? _____
3. How much of your salary is required for your current debts? (example: 50% or 1/2 of salary goes to debts such as car, mortgage, credit card debt, etc) _____
4. Describe any health, mental, physical, family or work issues, which could restrict your ability to care for, handle, ride/drive and provide for your horse. _____

5. Will there be anyone else helping you pay for the care of your adopted horse? _____
If yes, who and why (give full name)? _____

6. Are you married? _____ if yes, how long have you been married? _____ 24.
Have you filed for bankruptcy in the last 10 years? _____ if yes, why (divorce, illness, laid off, foreclosure)? _____

7. Has anyone in your household ever been convicted of any crime or accused of inhumane treatment or neglect of animals or people/children? _____ If yes, please explain _____

Part 2. Horse Experience and History

1. What is the intended use of the horse? Please check any and all possible uses:

_____ Companion (no riding) _____ Pleasure riding only _____ Trail riding _____ Dressage
_____ Jumping _____ Barrels/poles/contest _____ endurance _____ Competitive trail _____
Eventing/Cross Country _____ Baby sitter _____ Pasture buddy _____ 4-H _____ Pony Club
_____ Lessons with adopter _____ Driving _____ Professional Lesson horse _____
Professional trail horse _____ Lead line with children _____ Fox Hunting _____ Hunt Seat on
the Flat _____ Western Pleasure _____ Pony horse or Outrider _____ Reining/cutting
_____ Herding cows/farm work _____ Work Horse _____ Polo _____ Police horse _____
Mounted Patrol _____ Search and Rescue _____ Vaulting _____ Historical Reenacting _____
Ceremonial or Color Guard _____ Carriage or Fine Harness _____ Family horse _____ Childs
horse (below age 16) _____ Beginners horse _____ Field Trials/Bird Hunting _____ Local
showing/competing _____ Regional Showing _____ National level showing

2. Have you owned a horse before where you were the primary care giver and financially responsible for the horse? _____ If yes, how many _____ Explain their use and type of riding, frequency and intensity of riding

Is the primary rider a beginner (def: no professional training or not currently riding), intermediate (def: can presently ride a canter, a shy, straight buck, spook or run off on something other than a lesson horse or professional trail horse) or advanced (in the last 5 years you have trained people and horses, have broke horses, ridden young and green horses, ridden hot horses (TB and Arab), competed more than 10 times a year and riding consistently at present) _____

How many years of consistent riding does the primary rider have (def. riding at least one day a week)? _____

Breeds and ages of horses the primary rider has handled and ridden in the last 5 years?

Have you sold any horses in the last 5 years? _____ If yes, how many _____ Why were they sold? _____

How many horses do you have now or how many are you financially or personally responsible for? _____

Why do you want to adopt from FP4L? _____
Why are you looking for another horse? _____
What kind and how much riding has the primary rider done over the last year?

How did you and the primary rider get your horse training/experience? Circle all that apply:
books/videos, clinics, lessons, showing, competing, a trainer, personal
experience, equine schools, equine employment, equine colleges, 4-H, Pony Club, British Horse
Society, specialized training with Parelli, Lyons, Anderson or Roberts, personal experience, an
educated mentor

Are you also the primary rider/handler? _____
What is the height and weight of the primary rider/handler? _____ 14. What is the
height and weight of the heaviest rider? _____
Do you have a trainer? _____ If yes, what is the trainers name and phone number

What is the most important characteristics you are looking for in your horse (example:
temperament, training level, experience, a certain riding discipline, color, breed, age,
sex, etc) _____
What is the maximum number of hours this horse will be worked/ridden per day? _____
Per Week? _____

Part 3. References and Facilities

1. Vet Full name and Phone number _____ Farrier Full
name and Phone number _____
Horse related reference, Full Name and Phone Number _____

2. Have you used this vet and farrier before and will they have you listed as a client? _____ if
no, give 2 additional references below:
Horse related reference name and phone number (someone who can vouch for your experience
and level of care) _____
A Vet who can give you reference (name and phone number) _____

3. Will this horse be kept at home (the address listed above) or boarded out? _____ 4. Do
you live on this property? _____

5. Does anyone live on the property where the horse will be stabled at? _____, if yes, give
name and contact information _____

6. Give the number of clear cut level acres of pasture that the adoption horse will be kept on
_____ what is the total number of large animals on this property? _____

7. What type of shelter do you have for this adoption horse (example: barn, stall, 3 sided shed,
describe in detail) _____

8. If you have a barn, give the number of stalls _____ Give the size (in feet) of the stall that will
be used on a daily basis for this adoption horse _____

9. What type, condition and height of fencing do you have for this adoption horse (example: 5'
tall new board, wire, horse mesh, horse braid, etc) _____

10. What is your turn out plan for this horse (how many hours a day, alone or with other horses,
number of horses, same sex) _____

11. Will this adoption horse ever be fed in the pasture with other horses? _____

12. Explain the conditions on which you put horses into shelter (bad weather, summer, winter,
sickness, etc) _____

13. Do you rug or blanket horses? _____ If so in what conditions? _____

