



**ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions and return to H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue.**

1. Have you previously owned a horse? If so, when? If yes, did you board or directly care for your horse?

2. What is your level of experience with horses (beginner, intermediate, advanced)? Describe in detail (i.e., how did you learn to ride; did you take lessons from a professional trainer? Have you participated in clinics?)

3. Do you have a breed or age preference?

4. Would you adopt a horse with physical limitations (i.e., companion only; no jumping; light trail riding)?

5. Describe the activities you plan with the horse (pleasure riding, companion to another horse only, showing).

6. What is your riding style (English, Western, both, other)?

7. Where will you keep the horse? Describe shelter and turn out.

8. Who will ride the horse (adult, teen, child)? What is their level of experience?

9. Who is your equine Veterinarian?

Your Farrier?

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

10. Please provide 2 references (non-related) who can verify your ability to provide proper care for the horse if we have any further questions.

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

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

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

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



## **ADOPTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

### **GENERAL RULES**

Adopted horses must **NEVER** be neglected, abandoned, or inhumanely treated (i.e., you must provide regular farrier and veterinary care, bi-annual vaccinations, a 6-8 week de-worming program, proper nutrition and exercise, and ample pasture for grazing, etc.). Adopters will have no charges or convictions of inhumane treatment to animals.

The adopter agrees that the horse **cannot** be sold, traded, leased, or given away\* or used for any commercial purpose (including breeding). **The horse(s) must never be sent to an auction.**

\*However, in the event an adopter cannot keep the horse(s), the adopter must first notify H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue and is responsible for locating a suitable new home, which must meet with H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue approval. The new owner must abide by H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue's rules of adoption. If circumstances do not permit locating a new home, the horse(s) must be returned to H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue.

Horses are herd animals; therefore, H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue requires at least one other horse at the new adoptive home.

H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue reserves the right to provide life long follow-up to adoptions. With prior notification, H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue may request a visit at different intervals each year.

The adopter is responsible for all expenses incurred for horse care; there are no reimbursements from H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue.

### **HORSE CARE**

**H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue, Post Office Box 2037, Goose Creek, SC 29445**

The adopter agrees to provide nutritious amounts of food and water, a safe shelter, and humane treatment at all times. If boarding, the adopter agrees that all of the required provisions for care are met (i.e., the feeding program keeps the horse in good flesh meaning that no backbone or ribs show); otherwise the adopter is subject to a breach of the adoption requirements and the horse will be removed. The adopter will allow H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue to come onto the property where the horse is located with prior notification.

If the horse is located at your property, a minimum of 2 acres is preferred with shelter that can accommodate each horse.

The adopter will not place the horse with an abusive trainer or an unskilled rider unless such rider is being provided with professional riding instruction.

The adopter will not allow the horse to run at large; adequate fencing must be provided and kept in good repair (prefer no barbed wire unless electric wiring is also provided).

H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue must be notified immediately if the horse dies. A veterinarian's statement/cause of death is requested along with permission to contact the vet.

**DONATIONS**

Donations can be made by cash, credit card, money order or cashiers check and made payable to H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue. Your donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is paid at the time of adoption and is non-refundable for any reason.

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL FINAL DECISIONS ON ADOPTIVE HOMES ARE VOTED ON BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Adopter(s) has hereby read, understood and agrees to abide by the above requirements for adoption of the H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue horse(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
H.O.P.E Acres Rescue Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date