

Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc.

Adoption Policy

Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. makes a promise to all their horses that they will never have to endure abuse or neglect again. To keep that promise, there are guidelines for all adoptions.

There is an application that must be filled out and submitted. The fee for adopting is \$300 per horse. All approvals will be based on the adopter's ability to provide a safe and secure home for the horse. After the application is reviewed by the Board of Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc., a volunteer will contact the adopter to set up a time to see the facilities.

After approval Safe Haven will deliver the horse to its new home for a fee. Please see the fee schedule listed below. If the new owner wishes to pick up the horse they must arrive in a well-maintained trailer with valid tags and working lights.

Delivery Fees:

- 10 miles radius from Safe Haven - Free
- 11 – 50 mile radius from Safe Haven – \$50.00
- 51 – 75 mile radius from Safe Haven – \$75.00
- There will be an additional \$5 fee for each additional 10 miles

There must be:

- Clean water containers in addition to any ponds
- Pastures that are free of trash and large enough to support the number of horses kept there
- Shelter
- Sturdy fencing

Once approved, the Adopter will be required to sign an Adoption Agreement. The original will be kept by Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc.

The application and agreement is attached to this policy.

By adopting a horse from Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. the adopter is agreeing to provide a home for that horse for life. The adopter CANNOT sell, give away, lease, or otherwise dispose of the horse. If the adopter can no longer care for the horse, he/she must be returned to Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc.

Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. Adoption Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (Day) _____ (Evening)

Horse applied for _____

For what purpose will this horse be used?

Do you have other horses?

Who is your veterinarian?

Can we get a letter of recommendation from your veterinarian?

Who is your farrier?

Can we get a letter of recommendation from your farrier?

What will this horse be fed and how often?

Explain your program of worming, hoof care, and veterinary care (vaccinations, etc.)

What type of shelter will you provide for this horse?

What kind of fencing do you have?

Are you willing to attend classes on the care and feeding of the horse?

Are you willing to allow periodic inspections by Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. with or without prior notice of inspection?

I understand that I can never sell, trade, give away or dispose of this horse in any way. I must return the horse to Safe Haven if I can not or no longer wish to care for it.

I understand that Safe Haven does not condone nor endorse breeding. I will not be using this horse as breeding stock.

I understand that Safe Haven will inspect my facilities before the adoption is approved.

I understand that the adoption fee of \$300 per horse is non-refundable.

Comments _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. Adoption Agreement

Adopter's Name: _____ Horse: _____

By accepting this horse from Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc., I agree to abide by the terms of this adoption agreement as listed below;

1. I am responsible for providing proper care for the horse including, but not limited to, feed, fresh clean water, shelter, regular Veterinarian and Farrier care.
2. I can never sell, trade, give away, or disposed of him/her in any way. If for any reason I can no longer care for or want this horse I will return him/her to Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc.
3. I understand that under no circumstances will a refund of the adoption fee be given.
4. I agree to periodic inspections by a Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home representative with or without notice.
5. I agree to notify Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. within 30 days in the event of any change of my address or the address where the horse will be located.
6. I agree to treat this horse with love and respect. I understand that no abuse, neglect, or inhumane treatment will be tolerated. In the event that this horse is found to be abused or neglected while in my care, I understand the Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. will immediately repossess him/her. I also understand that I can and will be charged with criminal charges.
7. I agree that I am not adopting this horse for breeding purposes and will do everything in my power to prevent any breeding with my adopted horse.
8. I agree to notify Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. immediately upon the death of my adopted horse.

In consideration for the horse received through Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc., the adopter completely releases and forever discharges Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc., Richard Fincher, individually and the Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. Board of Directors, from any and all claims for damages arising from the adoption of the above named horse. Adopter further expressly assumes the risk of any and all claims for damages arising from the adoption of this horse, including those in existence at the time of the adoption, regardless of whether the adopter did not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or otherwise, and which, if known, would materially affect the adopter's decision to adopt this horse.

This shall be a fully binding and complete release between the parties and signatures found herein.

Adopter represents and warrants that he/she is the person taking control of this horse.

Adopter represents and warrants that he/she has the authority to enter into this binding, release and adoption.

Adopter agrees to pay Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home, Inc. a non-refundable fee of \$300.00.

I have read and understand the terms of this adoption agreement. By signing this form, I agree to abide by all the terms stated in this adoption agreement.

Signature of Adopter

Printed Name of Adopter

Date

Signature of Safe Haven Representative

Printed Name of Safe Haven Representative

Date