

Adoption Policies & Application Form

About You

Are you adopting as a “single parent,” a family, or a couple? **If you are under the age of 18 you must have a parent/guardian complete this form.** Will more than one person be sharing the responsibilities that accompany horse ownership? Is everyone agreed on his/her responsibilities?

What is your occupation?

Do you currently own any horses? (If so, what are their ages & temperaments?)

If you have had horses in the past that you no longer own, please explain under what circumstances you were unable to keep them, if they were rehomed, what happened to them; or if they simply passed away please explain the circumstances.

Why do you want to adopt an HPS horse?

Please provide two references:

Name:
Phone Number:
Years known:

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About the Horse You Would Like to Adopt

Are you interested in adopting a particular age, gender, or breed of horse; is there a particular HPS horse you are interested in? If so, please give the horse's name, and a brief description of why this horse appeals to you. What personality traits are you looking for in a horse (e.g., athletic, quiet, bold, friendly)? What type of riding/driving/activities will you be doing with your horse?

Do you have other animals that are a factor in your decision to adopt (e.g., are you wanting your horse to bond with another horse, to be submissive, or dominant)?

What are your future plans for the horse you would like to adopt, in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years (or longer!)? What are your plans for the horse if the horse cannot be ridden due to injury or illness? What specific knowledge do you have about caring for an older horse?

Please read and acknowledge your understanding of the following considerations in adopting/fostering a horse.

"HPS" Horses

Our horses, while perhaps less expensive than other horses, have had to face challenges. They may need additional training or rehab; they may have physical conditions that require particular care. Do you have the time, finances, and skill to work with and maintain a horse?

Commitment:

You must be able and willing to spend consistent, extensive time with your horse. Note, too, that a horse can live for over 30 years. Can you commit to care for your horse for its lifetime? What will you do with your horse if your circumstances change?

Horses adopted from HPS are released on the condition that they never be sold at auction or for slaughter.

- I have read, understand, and agree to this condition for any horse adopted from HPS.

Please note that if ownership of the horse is transferred, these conditions must follow the horse to its new home.

- I understand and agree that these conditions will be transferred to the horse's new owner should it become necessary to re-home a horse adopted from HPS.

Expense:

The initial cost of your horse is only the beginning: you must be prepared to pay for tack, feed, boarding, vet care, worming, shots, farrier, hauling – it can add up to a LOT of money, and a lot of these costs are recurring, some several times in just one year.

Knowledge:

How would you rate your horse expertise and knowledge?

- This will be my first horse.
- I have owned (or still own) at least one horse.
- I am experienced with horses and knowledgeable about their care and handling.

Please tell us about your riding experience:

Do you have a trainer/instructor whom you trust to work with **you and your horse**?
Please provide contact information for your trainer/instructor.

Name:

Phone #

- I have read and understand these factors in deciding to adopt a horse.

Breeding Policy: Mares are not to be bred. All colts/stallions will be gelded before adoption.

- I have read and understand the HPS breeding policy.

About Your Space

Do you (or will you) board your horse, or do you own or lease property for the horse? Where is the property located? If you plan to board your horse at a stable or on land owned by someone other than yourself, please supply the name and contact information for that facility/property. HPS will visit these premises as a condition to granting adoption to an applicant.

If you board your horse or lease space for it, how often are you able to visit your horse?

Who is your local veterinarian (or clinic)? **Name :**

Phone #:

Please note: By signing and submitting this application, you are giving HPS permission to verify the information you have supplied; we may contact your named veterinarian, boarding facility, and/or land owner named here.

- I understand and agree to HPS using this information to contact the above-mentioned clinic, facility, and/or landowner.

Your contact information

_ Name(s)

Date

Address

Email address

City, province, postal code

Home phone

Cell phone

Work phone

Postal code

Signature of applicant
(or parent/ guardian if under 18 years of age)

Date signed

HPS reserves the right to refuse adoption to any applicant we feel may not be compatible.