



Serenity Equine Rescue
38298 Hunts End Place, Leesburg Va, 20175

Adoption Agreement

This contract is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 20____ between Serenity Equine Rescue, a 501©3 nonprofit organization (hereinafter referred to as “SER”) and _____ (hereinafter referred to as “Adopter.”)

The Adopter agrees, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, to adopt and care for the horse known as _____ (hereinafter referred to as, “Said Horse.”)

1. This agreement shall not take effect until the adoption fee in the amount of \$_____ has been paid to Serenity Equine Rescue. At that time, SER agrees to transfer ownership of Said Horse to the Adopter subject to the conditions set forth in this agreement.
 1. The Adopter understands that adoption fees are nonrefundable and must be paid in full before the day of delivery/pickup of Said Horse.
2. The Adopter agrees to pay for the cost of any prepurchase professional evaluations or veterinary exams contracted for by the Adopter. The Adopter agrees to pay the cost of transporting Said Horse to its new facility.
3. The Adopter will, at his or her expense, care for Said Horse in a responsible and humane manner. SER guidelines for care of Said Horse include, but are not limited to: adequate shelter, feed, turnout, worming, farrier, veterinary, and dental care.
4. The Adopter promises to NEVER allow Said Horse to be sold at any auction or put at risk for slaughter, including selling to a horse dealer/reseller. In addition, Adopter agrees NOT to allow Said Horse to race.
5. In the event Adopter fails to adhere to these guidelines and Said Horse becomes neglected or abused in the opinion of an independent professional, this agreement is void, and Said Horse will be immediately returned to SER at the expense of the Adopter.
6. Adopter understands that Said Horse will have a current negative Coggins Test. All known veterinary records will be provided to Adopter, who understands that Said Horse may need updated vaccinations, worming, dental, and farrier care.

7. Adopter understands that many of the conditions of Said Horse are not obvious, and SER cannot know all of the details of Said Horse's history. The responsibility for determining if Said Horse is fit for use by Adopter belongs solely to Adopter.
8. Adopter acknowledges that Adopter has been advised by SER to engage the services of a licensed veterinarian and an experienced horseperson prior to adoption to evaluate Said Horse. Adopter agrees to accept Said Horse as is and where is.
9. Adopter allows SER to publish pictures and progress reports on Said Horse in written and/or electronic form.
10. In the event Adopter decides to sell, assign, or transfer ownership of Said Horse, Adopter will notify SER in writing of this intent and grant the right of first refusal.
 1. Upon sale, assignment, or transfer, Adopter will provide SER in writing with the name, address, and phone number of new owner within 14 days of sale, assignment, or transfer of Said Horse.
11. Adopter agrees to hereby indemnify and hold SER and its officers, directors, and volunteers harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability, and expense in connection with the loss of life, personal injury, and/or damage to property arising out of use or care of Said Horse.