



Adoption Information Sheet

Horses At Heart's greatest commitment to the equine industry lies in the successful re-homing of horses through our adoption program. We do not discriminate by breed of horse. Every horse deserves a chance. Our horses come to us in many shapes and sizes and varying conditions of health and well being. We do our best to seek out historical information on each and every horse. Unfortunately we all too often have only our own knowledge and instinct, along with our partners in professional care, to provide an understanding of each and every horse that crosses our paths.

We ask that you, as the potential Adopter, read the information contained in this document and make your own determination as to whether or not you are able to make the kind of commitment that caring for a rescued horse requires. If you are, we encourage you to make application for a specific horse we currently have, or to get on our waiting list. Once we do cross paths with a horse we agree is a good fit for you, we will contact you to let you know a horse is available and schedule a time for you to meet one another.

- 1) Review the Horses At Heart's Adoption Policies document attached to ensure that you meet the minimum requirements for adoption.
- 2) Familiarize yourself with all descriptive information for the horse(s) that you are interested in adopting.
- 3) Contact via e-mail at adoptahorse@horsesatheart.org if you have specific questions about a horse, or complete and send an Adoption Application to the e-mail address above, along with digital photos of where the horse will be kept (if available). We require a completed Adoption Application before the horse will be shown to a prospective Adopter.
- 4) A Horses At Heart representative will respond to your questions, review your Adoption Application and contact you to discuss further whether or not this horse is a good match for your situation.
- 5) If there are no concerns raised upon reviewing your Adoption Application, we will contact you to set up a time for you to meet the horse you are interested in. Regardless of any concerns, Horses At Heart has education and experience available to assist you in correcting the matter and you may still be eligible for the adoption.
- 6) After you meet the horse and it appears to be a good match for both you and the horse, a site visit to the facility where the horse will live will be arranged.

- 7) Horses At Heart will contact each of your references so please make sure they are prepared to receive a call from one of our representatives. We also require that you give consent to your veterinarian and farrier to release information regarding your previous horse care to Horses At Heart.
- 8) Processing your Adoption Application will also include Horses At Heart contacting your landlord or boarding facility (if applicable) to ensure that they are able to take on the specific horse along with being prepared for any health or training concerns the horse may have.
- 9) Horses At Heart will compose a summary of your Adoption Application, the evaluation of your interaction with the horse, and the site visit, and submit this to the Horses At Heart Board of Directors.
- 10) The Horses At Heart Board of Directors will review the information and make a decision in accordance with the Horses At Heart Adoption Policies and the best interest of the horse. You will then be notified of the Board's decision.
- 11) If approved to adopt, you will be provided with an Adoption Contract for review and signature. You will need to return the original, signed Contract to Horses At Heart and retain a copy for your records. A Horses At Heart representative will sign the Adoption Contract and provide it to you on the day of transport and after receipt of your donation.
- 12) The Adopter shall arrange transportation for the horse. Limited delivery may be available by Horses At Heart if you do not have a transportation method of your own, although Horses At Heart may require fair compensation for the transportation expenses.