

ERL ADOPTION PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE

It is the Equine Rescue League's (ERL) policy to attempt to place each horse in the home best *suited to the individual horse*. Horses adopted from the ERL cannot be resold, given away, or used for breeding. In addition, adopted horses cannot be relocated from the original, approved facility without the permission of the ERL.

- Before a horse can be adopted from the ERL, the following procedures must be followed:

- Complete and return an Equine Rescue League Preliminary Adoption Application. To received an application, send a self-addressed, double stamped business-size envelope to **The Equine Rescue League, PO Box 4366, Leesburg, VA 20177**

- **Please allow 7 to 10 days for the ERL to receive and review the application. After that time, please call the ERL at (540) 822-4577 to schedule an appointment for a personal interview and tour of the farm.**

- If the personal interview is satisfactory and if the ERL has a potentially suitable horse at the time, the ERL will schedule an appointment to evaluate the potential adopter's facilities. No facility using barbed wire will be approved. In addition, the ERL will conduct interviews of the references provided by the potential adopter on the Preliminary Adoption Application.

- Upon satisfactory completion of the above, the ERL will schedule a minimum of five (5) working sessions with the potential horse to determine if there is a suitable match.

- Upon completion of the five sessions, it will be determined whether or not the horse and potential adopter are compatible. The ERL may at that time require additional sessions and will approve or deny an adoption. The ERL reserves the right to deny adoption for any reason in its sole discretion, and is not obligated to state any reason for such denial.

- When all requirements and preliminary adoption procedures have been satisfied, the ERL will require the following at the time of adoption:

- Payment in full of a non-refundable adoption fee which is based upon each individual horse and set by the ERL's sole discretion.

Date application mailed to ERL: _____

If it is determined, based on the Application and personal interview, that ERL has in its custody a horse suitable for the potential adopter, the procedure outlined to the left will be followed. **Listed below are excerpts of some terms of the Adoption Agreement.** *Please read and think about them carefully before proceeding with the adoption process. If you cannot agree to these terms, adoption may not be the best option for you.*

1. The Adopter will, at his own expense, provide the adopted Animal with adequate and proper quantities of wholesome feed and water; safe and adequate shelter; proper and adequate exercise; appropriate hoof care and veterinary attention.
2. The Adopter agrees to advise the ERL of the place where the Animal will be kept, then further agree(s) that a representative of the ERL may make unannounced visits at any time to any location where the animal is located to confirm that proper care is being provided.
3. The Adopter agrees that the Animal will not be moved to any facility for stabling, training, or general care without the prior approval of the ERL. The Adopter further agrees that the Animal will not be sold, leased, or otherwise transferred without prior approval of the ERL.
4. The Adopter agrees that the Animal will not be used for breeding or racing purposes.
5. In the event that the placement does not work out for any reason, or in the event that the Adopter is unable or unwilling to care for the adopted Animal, ERL requires that the Animal be returned to ERL. The Animal will be transferred to ERL without charge or liability for expenses incurred by the Adopter.
6. The Adopter agrees to notify ERL in the event of the death of the Animal.
7. The Adopter further agrees that in the event that ERL determines that there has been a material violation of the terms of this Agreement including, but not limited to, failure to provide adequate care, failure to allow access for an on-site inspection, or by moving the Animal without prior approval or that ERL is notified of the Adopter's involvement with a humane society or animal control agency resulting in a warning or citation for the inhumane treatment of any animal. Adopter will be in breach of this Agreement and ERL may recover immediate possession of the Animal.
8. If such event takes place, the ERL may enter any property where the Animal is located and take immediate possession of the Animal with no liability. At such time, the Adopter's rights shall terminate and the Adopter agrees that he shall have no cause of action or claim against the ERL, its officers, directors, staff, or volunteers regarding such removal and termination of rights.

The ERL is a nonprofit organization that supports the responsible use of working, sport, and pleasure horses and ponies. Our goals are to prevent the neglect and abuse of any horse or pony, offer educational programs to the community and provide rehabilitation and adoption for those animals who need our services.

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PRELIMINARY TERMS FOR ADOPTION OF E.R.L. ANIMALS

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Before a horse can be adopted from the E.R.L., the following procedures must be followed:

1. Complete and return the enclosed Equine Rescue League Preliminary Adoption Application and this signed cover letter.
2. Please allow 7 to 10 days for the E.R.L. to review the application. After that time, please call the E.R.L. at 1-(540) 822-4577 to make an appointment to go over the application and to schedule a tour of the farm.
3. If the personal interview is satisfactory and if the E.R.L. has a potentially suitable horse at the time, the E.R.L. will schedule an appointment to check the potential adopters facilities. In addition, the E.R.L. will also conduct interviews of the references provided by the potential adopter on the Preliminary Adoption Application.
4. Upon satisfactory completion of the above, the E.R.L. will schedule a minimum of five (5) working sessions with the potential horse to determine if there is a suitable match.
5. Upon the completion of the five sessions, it will be determined whether or not the horse and the potential adopter are compatible. The E.R.L. may at that time require additional sessions, and will approve or deny any adoption. The E.R.L. reserves the right to deny adoption for any reason in its sole discretion, and is not obligated to state any reason for such denial.

When all requirements and preliminary adoption procedures have been satisfied, the E.R.L. will require the following at the time of final adoption:

1. Completion of a permanent Adoption Contract with such terms and conditions as E.R.L. may, in its sole judgment and discretion determine.
2. Payment in full of a non-refundable fee which is based upon each individual horse, and set by the E.R.L. in its sole discretion.
3. Upon final adoption of a horse, the adopter is responsible for the transportation arrangements from the E.R.L. farm to the adopters facility in a manner acceptable to the E.R.L.

4. The E.R.L. reserves the right to conduct unscheduled follow-up checks on the adopted horse and the facility at the E.R.L.'s discretion. Upon placement of a horse, the adopter is required to submit to the E.R.L. an annual health statement from the adopter's veterinarian and farrier.

Thank you very much for contacting the E.R.L. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

E.R.L. Official

Date

I have read and understand the above.

Potential Adopter

Date



EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE

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PRELIMINARY ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Previous Address: _____

Employer: _____

1. Do You?

Rent _____ Own _____ Live with parents _____

Landlord's name: _____

Landlord's phone: _____

(If renting, please attach a copy of lease)

2. Will the horse be kept on your property? _____

If YES, describe the breed and sex of horse(s) there, if any, and the area and shelter to be provided. Please include a photograph. _____

Type of fencing: _____

Number of acres: _____

If NO, please give address and description of boarding/training facility: _____

Manager/Trainer: _____ Phone: _____

- Will there be other horses? _____
3. Do you own a horse now? _____ How many: _____
Description: _____
If you have owned horses previously, please explain what happened to them. _____

4. What specific type of horse are you interested in? _____
Age: _____ Breed preference: _____
Range of training: _____
Intended use of horse: _____
Pleasure ___ Companion ___ 4-H ___ Show ___ Other ___
Approximate height and weight of rider(s): _____
Number of people in family: _____ Number and age of children: _____
5. Briefly describe your level of expertise in the following areas: _____
Riding: _____
Handling: _____
Training: _____
Working with young or unbroken horses: _____
6. Who will be responsible for the horse's: _____
Feeding: _____
Training: _____
General care: _____
Their age and expertise level: _____
7. How much do you anticipate spending yearly for feed, farrier care, veterinary care and board? _____
How often do you feel a horse should be de-wormed? _____
How often should they receive farrier care? _____
How often should they have their teeth floated? _____
What types of vaccinations should a horse receive? _____
8. Please tell us why you would like to adopt a horse: _____

9. If you move in the future, what do you plan to do with the horse? _____

10. Who will care for the horse when you go out of town? _____

11. Who is, or will be, your veterinarian? _____ Phone: _____

Farrier: _____

12. Have you ever been issued a warning/citation, or been convicted for humane violations?

If so, please explain: _____

13. Please indicate when it would be convenient for us to do a property /barn check:

14. Please provide three references:

1. _____ Phone: _____

2. _____ Phone: _____

3. _____ Phone: _____

15. I/WE CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS
CORRECT AND TRUE.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail completed application and signed cover letter to:

Equine Rescue League
P.O. Box 4366
Leesburg, Virginia 20177