



EQUINE ADOPTION APPLICATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Thank you for your interest in adopting a rescued mini equine (horse or donkey)! We want to ensure that this potential match is the perfect one for both the equine and the adopter. This application is thorough and the information will be validated. Please complete all the questions, as incomplete applications will take considerably more time to process.

Please be sure to notify your references (especially your vet and farrier) that a HOME representative will be calling and to authorize them to release information to us.

Keep in mind that we are looking for permanent, lifelong homes for our rescued equines. Typically, equines that are cared for properly can live to be 35–40 years of age for mini horses and 45–50 years of age for mini donkeys. *Some* mini donkeys can be driven and *some* mini horses can be driven or ridden.

We believe in maintaining pair bonds, so in general we expect our horses and donkeys to be adopted in pairs. *Bonded pairs are not to be separated after adoption.* However, if you already have a mini donkey or horse, we can discuss what makes the most sense for both you and the equines.

If there are multiple applicants for an equine, adoption will be based on the “best fit” home. HOME reserves the right to disapprove any applicant for any reason and we are not obligated to share those reasons. Upon review of your application, we will contact you to set up a time for you to come meet the equine you are interested in. If after meeting the equine (s), you wish to proceed with the adoption and HOME also agrees that you are a good match, we will proceed to set up the site visit and make reference checks.

Upon approval of your application you will sign and return the Adoption Agreement contract along with applicable adoption fee(s), and arrange for transport of your equine to their new home.

Please be aware that until you have signed the Adoption Agreement, paid the adoption fee(s), and transported the equine to your property, the equine(s) will still be considered available for adoption. We will continue to accept Adoption Applications for those equine(s) up until the point that the adoption is complete. We cannot “hold” equines, even when an application is in process and we do not work on a first-come, first-served basis. In the case of multiple applicants, we will choose the adopter we feel is best suited for the equine.



EQUINE ADOPTION APPLICATION

You must be 21 years or older to submit an application and you must provide all references upon request.

Name of the mini equine you are interested in adopting (if decided): _____

Donkey Horse

Email address: _____

Full legal name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Best time of day and time to contact you: _____

Are you looking for an equine for yourself or someone else? Myself Someone else

Will the equine be living at a boarding facility or elsewhere and not at the address above? Yes No

If yes, what is the name of the facility or address where they will live? _____

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

1. Your occupation: _____ Retired:
2. Length of employment: _____
3. Annual household income: _____
4. Can you financially support an equine? Taking into account vet care, farrier, board and training (if applicable.): Yes No
5. Do you anticipate any major lifestyle changes such as moving out of state, retirement, children, etc., which could limit your ability to keep an equine for its lifetime? Yes No
6. Do you have any mental or physical limitations which could limit your future ability to care for an equine for its lifetime? Yes No
7. How many acres do you have? _____
 - a. What type of fencing? _____
8. Do you have other animals? Yes No
 - a. What kind? _____
 - b. How are they kept? _____

9. Please describe your equine handling level of expertise: _____
10. Please describe your equine training level of expertise: _____
11. Who will be responsible for feeding/training/general care? _____
12. If you are the responsible party, who will take care of the equine(s) when you are away? _____
13. Have you ever been issued a warning/citation, or been convicted for a violation against animals?
 - a. Yes No
 - b. If so, please explain: _____
14. Have you ever sold a horse to auction or surrendered an animal to a rescue/other?
 - a. Yes No
 - b. If so, please explain: _____
15. Is there anything else you want us to know? _____

CURRENT OR PAST EQUINES

1. Do you currently own any equines? Yes No
2. Have you previously owned any equines? Yes No
3. Briefly describe your training/equine handling philosophy: _____

YOUR ADOPTED EQUINE(S)

1. How often do you plan to vaccinate your adopted equine(s)? _____
2. Type of vaccinations planned (check all that apply):
 - a. West Nile Virus
 - b. Tetanus Toxoid
 - c. Encephalomyelitis (VEE, EEE, WEE)
 - d. Influenza
 - e. Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1 and EHV-4)
 - f. Strangles
 - g. Rabies
 - h. Potomac Horse Fever
 - i. Botulism
 - j. Equine Viral Arteritis
 - k. Rotavirus A
 - l. Other: _____
3. How often do you plan to deworm your adopted equine(s)? _____
4. What type of deworming program (schedule) do you plan to use? _____
5. Will your adopted equine(s) be shod? Yes No

6. How often will your equine(s) be trimmed/shod? _____
7. How often will your adopted equine have a dental exam and/or teeth floated by a licensed veterinarian? _____
8. What discipline(s) are you planning to use this/these equine(s) for? (Check all that apply)
 - a. Companion/Pet
 - b. Riding (children and mini horses only)
 - c. Driving
 - d. 4-H or other equine club
 - e. Therapy/Rehab

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Reference #1

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Describe the nature of your relationship: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Describe the nature of your relationship: _____

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Equine Veterinarian (if applicable, otherwise skip to Small Animal Veterinarian below)

Name of veterinarian: _____

Name of veterinary practice: _____

Phone: _____

Are you currently a client of this vet? Yes No

Is there another vet that you've used in the past five years? Yes No

Previous veterinarian's name: _____

Previous veterinarian's phone number: _____

Small Animal Veterinarian (if equine vet is not named above)

Name of veterinarian: _____

Name of veterinary practice: _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

Farrier

Name of farrier: _____

Phone: _____

Are you currently a client of this farrier? Yes No

Is there another farrier that you've used in the past five years? Yes No

Previous farrier's name: _____

Previous farrier's phone number: _____

Trainer/Instructor (optional; required for first-time equine owners)

Name of trainer/instructor: _____

Name of trainer/instructor barn or facility: _____

Phone: _____

I certify that I am at least 21 years of age and that all the information provided is correct and true.

Adopter: _____ **Date:** _____

Please send this completed form to Barb Gordon at barbara.gordon@live.com