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[WILD HORSE FOUNDATION ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS](#)

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ADOPTER MUST:

- BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- HAVE NO ANIMAL ABUSE VIOLATIONS OF ADOPTION REGULATIONS OR CONVICTIONS OF INHUMANE TREATMENT TO ANIMALS. SIGNED AFFIDAVITS WILL BE ALLOWED.
- HAVE ADOPTED NO MORE THAN 6 ANIMALS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS. KEEP NO MORE THAN 10 ANIMALS AT ONE FACILITY AT ANY TIME. (SANCTUARIES LIMITED 1 HORSE PER 5 ACRES) AREA OF COUNTRY CAN LIMIT RATION ALSO.
- HAVE RECEIVED OWNERSHIP PAPERS TO ALL ELIGIBLE ANIMALS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED.
- BE FINANCIALLY ABLE TO PROPERLY HOUSE, FEED, AND PROVIDE VETERINARY AND FARRIER CARE FOR THE ANIMAL'S. REFERENCES WILL BE VERIFIED. MUST NOT HAVE SURRENDERED A HORSE OR ANIMAL PREVIOUSLY.*

CORRAL

FACILITIES MUST MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS AND BE CONSTRUCTED BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED:

- CORRAL WITH A MINIMUM OF 400 SQUARE FEET (20X20) PER ANIMAL. CORRAL SHOULD NOT BE TOO LARGE (MORE THAN 50X50), AS ANIMALS ARE EASIER TO GENTLE IN SMALLER CORRALS.
- ALL FENCES AND GATES MUST BE AT LEAST 6 FEET HIGH FOR WILD HORSES OVER THE AGE OF 24 MONTHS. 4'1/2" - 5" FOOT HIGH FENCES ARE ALLOWED FOR HORSES, YEARLINGS, UNDER 24 MONTHS OF AGE. BURROS MAY BE KEPT IN 4' FENCE.
- FENCING MATERIAL SHOULD BE AT LEAST 2 X 6 INCH WOODEN PLANKS, ROUNDED PIPES, POLES, OR SIMILAR MATERIALS THAT DO NOT POSE A HAZARD TO THE ANIMAL. SMALL MESH, HEAVY GAUGE, WOVEN WIRE FENCING WITH A 2X6 INCH BOARD ALONG THE TOP, CENTER AND BOTTOM IS ACCEPTABLE. ONCE GENTLED, THE ANIMALS MAY BE MAINTAINED IN PASTURES OR IN BOX STALLS WITH DAILY TURNOUT.

SHELTER

RUN-IN SHED ATTACHED TO CORRAL, OR BOX STALL IN BARN ATTACHED TO CORRAL, ALLOWING ANIMAL TO MOVE FREELY BETWEEN THE CORRAL AND SHELTER. SHELTER OR STALL SPACE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 10 X 10 FEET PER ANIMAL.(25% OF STALL AREA.)

FEED

PROPER FEEDING IS A MUST. TOTAL FEED REQUIREMENTS ARE 2% OF THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE HORSE OR BURRO PER DAY. GRAIN REQUIREMENTS MUST BE 1/2% OF THE TOTAL WEIGHT. TOTAL OF 14% TO 16% PROTEIN IS REQUIRED EACH DAY. MINERAL BLOCKS OR LOOSE MUST BE AVAILABLE DAILY ANYTIME. WATER MUST AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE OPEN RANGE GRAZING WHICH WOULD BE A BONUS TO HORSE OR BURRO. HAY MAY BE OF ANY REGIONAL EXCEPTED GRASS, ALFALFA, COASTAL, JIG, TIPTON85, ETC. ROUND OR SQUARE BALES ARE ACCEPTABLE. IF YOU PURCHASE HAY PLEASE REQUEST A FERTILIZER REPORT OR PROTEIN REPORT TO ENSURE PROPER PROTEIN. SERVING 14% GRAIN FEED WITH 12% HAY DOES EQUAL 26% IT'S 13% WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE.

TRANSPORTATION

- ADOPTERS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN VEHICLES OR MAKE PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS.
- STANDARD, COVERED STOCK TRAILERS AND HORSE TRAILERS LARGE ENOUGH FOR 4 OR MORE HORSES ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, CONTINGENT ON FINAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO LOADING. **NO 1 OR 2 HORSE TRAILERS. NO SINGLE AXLE TRAILERS ALLOWED. NO DIVIDERS ALLOWED.**
- NO PICK UPS WITH STOCK RACKS.
- LENGTHWISE AND SLANT-LOAD DIVIDERS MUST BE REMOVED.
- NO DROP RAMP TAIL GATES ARE ALLOWED

PAYMENT

- PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY CASH, CHECK, MONEY ORDER, VISA, OR MASTERCARD. TWO (2) FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION ARE REQUIRED. NO CHECK NUMBER UNDER 500. CHECKS WILL BE VERIFIED ON SITE FOR AMOUNT OR BID ONLY.
- THE ADOPTION FEE IS THE AMOUNT OF YOUR WINNING BID OR FEE ESTABLISHED.

HALTERS AND LEAD ROPES

- HALTERS AND LEAD ROPES MUST BE PROVIDED BY ADOPTERS.
- HALTERS SHOULD BE HEAVY NYLON, WE RECOMMEND NO METAL, WITHOUT A PANIC SNAP ON CHEEK PIECE. LEAD ROPE SHOULD BE 15 FEET LONG FOR ADULT HORSES AND 3/4 TO 1 INCH IN DIAMETER OF SOFT COTTON OR NYLON.

YOUR FACILITIES MAY BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO OR AFTER ADOPTION. FACILITIES AND ANIMALS MAY BE INSPECTED AT ANY TIME UNTIL THE OWNERSHIP PAPERS ARE ISSUED.

ADOPTERS NAME: _____

DIRECTIONS TO YOUR FACILITY. PLEASE GIVE DETAIL INSTRUCTIONS, USE LAND MARKS ALSO IF NECESSARY; GIVE CITY, HIGHWAYS, CROSS ROADS, COLOR OF HOUSES, BUILDING.

DRAW FACILITY OUT LINE OF STALLS:

HOW MANY HORSES DO YOU OWN PRESENTLY? _____ HAVE YOU OWNED HORSES BEFORE? YES NO

WHAT IS YOUR STALL MADE OUT OF? (DESCRIBE): _____

WHAT TYPE OF WATERING SYSTEM DO YOU USE? _____

WHAT TYPE OF FEED DO YOU GIVE YOUR HORSE? (LIST) _____

HOW OFTEN DO YOU GIVE WORMER TREATMENT? _____

WHAT TYPE OF TRAILER DO YOU HAVE? (RENT, BORROW, OWN) _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY GIVE NAME OF CLOSEST RELATIVE NOT LIVING WITH YOU. INCLUDING PHONE NUMBER.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST ADOPTED WILD HORSE OR BURRO, WE CAN ATTEMPT TO FIND A MENTOR, SOMEONE TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR AREA OR YOU MAY RETURN TO ANY OF OUR CLINICS IN THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF YOUR ADOPTION PERIOD TO HAVE FREE TRAINING PROVIDED FOR YOUR HORSE. WE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THESE TRAINING TIMES FOR SPACE AVAILABILITY. A MENTOR IS A PREVIOUS ADOPTER WHO IS WILLING TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR ANIMAL ONCE YOU BRING IT HOME. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT MENTORS WILL BE AVAILABLE. SOME MAY REQUIRE A FEE TO COVER FUEL, HOTEL AND MEALS.

IF YOU HAVE SURRENDERED A HORSE OR ANIMAL BEFORE PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THIS HAPPENED AND WHOM YOU SURRENDERED THE ANIMAL. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU NOW CAN ADOPT OR OWN ANOTHER HORSE OR ANIMAL. WE DO NOT PLACE OUR HORSES OR ANIMALS AT RISK, ALL DECISIONS ARE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

EXPLANATION: _____
