

Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.

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HORSE DONATION/LOAN APPLICATION

OWNER INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____
Cell Ph: _____ E-Mail: _____

Option for which you would like horse considered: (for a detailed explanation of these options, please refer to the *Horse Donation/Loan Information* document that you received with this application form):

____ Seasonal Loan
____ 2-Year Loan
____ Permanent Donation
Other: _____

HORSE INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Breed: _____
Age: _____ Sex: _____
Height: _____ Approx. Weight: _____
Color/Markings: _____

Basic care needs:

Daily feed requirements: _____

Medications/supplements: _____

Horse: _____

Owner's name: _____

INVENTORY OF YOUR HORSE'S SOUNDNESS, CAPABILITIES, AND PERSONALITY

The questions that follow are designed to give Hoofbeats some idea of where your horse may fit into our program. We do not expect any horse to be "perfect" in every category. There are many jobs at Hoofbeats in which a horse can specialize. Horses with particular strengths or attributes may be useful to us even if they exhibit some behaviors, or have some health issues that would generally be considered less desirable. So please answer our questions honestly and candidly. If you do not know the answer to a question, tell us that. Use additional pages if necessary to better explain your answers.

1) Overall Soundness and Health:

Hoofbeats horses should be sound enough to carry riders safely and comfortably at the walk, trot, and canter. Please assess for us your horse's health, soundness and general suitability for work in our program. Describe any problematic conditions, such as lameness, sore or "cold" backs, any progressive conditions such as arthritis, EPM, other musculoskeletal problems, history of colic or choking, vision/eye problems, broken wind, heaves, hoof problems and/or need for corrective shoeing: _____

Please indicate rider weight restrictions: _____

2) Ground manners:

Hoofbeats horses must be "safe" in the company of impaired clients, and thus ground manners are extremely important. Please describe your horse's ground manners, covering such areas as mounting and dismounting, grooming, tacking up, standing still, being tied, being led: _____

How does your horse behave during vet checks and farrier care? _____

Will this horse stand quietly when cross-tied? _____

Does this horse enjoy being groomed? _____

In your opinion, is this horse safe for beginners to groom and tack up? Discuss any concerns (e.g. precautions related to bridling or tightening the girth): _____

Has this horse ever nipped or bitten anyone? _____

Please detail any groundwork precautions not already covered above, that we should be aware of with your horse: _____

Horse: _____

Owner's name: _____

Stall manners: (please check all behaviors that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cribs | <input type="checkbox"/> Weaves or walks stall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paws | <input type="checkbox"/> Dumps water buckets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Messy in a stall | <input type="checkbox"/> Has overall good stall manners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Escape artist | |

Pasture manners (please check all behaviors that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominant | <input type="checkbox"/> Will show aggression to other horses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Studdish" or "marish" | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-social (loner) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle of the pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Low herd status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herd-bound | <input type="checkbox"/> Accident prone |

3) Training/Experience/Temperament/Behavior under saddle:

Please list the horse's previous uses and types of training: _____

If this horse has had any dressage training, please describe its nature and extent: _____

Does this horse have any jumping experience: _____

Has this horse been trained to lunge, and can it be used for lunge line lessons? _____

Does this horse work well in a group lesson in an arena? _____

Are there any precautions in a group setting? _____

Does this horse work well by himself/herself in an arena? _____

Can we use this horse to teach beginners to canter? Please comment and detail any precautions: _____

Does this horse have trail riding experience? _____

Please describe behavior on the trail (e.g. safe in a group or alone; at a walk or trot; prefers to be at front, back, or middle; nervous or prone to shy; generally reliable but bolted once when startled; etc.): _____

Could we use this horse to take a beginner on the trail? _____

Horse: _____

Owner's name: _____

How do you think this horse would react to being led while carrying a rider, with a sidewalker on each side holding the rider? _____

Do you think the horse will easily tolerate many different riders? Yes No
Comments: _____

How would this horse react to games? (e.g. obstacle courses, bouncing balls, velcro and other strange noises, having his/her rider toss and catch objects): _____

Would this horse object to standing still at a games station? _____

Does this horse have any show/travel experience? _____

Does this horse's behavior change when he s/he leaves home? Describe: _____

How does this horse trailer? _____

How might this horse react to crowds in close quarters? (e.g. a barn tour group at his stall; screaming children close to his stall): _____

List any fear issues you are aware of, and give what you believe would be this horse's worst reactions (e.g. reaction to blowing tarps, dogs, whips, plastic, water crossings, etc.): _____

To the best of your knowledge, with a rider mounted, or during the process of mounting or dismounting, has this horse ever (Check all that apply):

Reared? Explain: _____

Bucked? Explain: _____

Bolted? Explain: _____

Kicked out at, or bitten another horse? Explain: _____

Would you generally describe your horse as (check those that apply):

Lazy

Forward; light off the leg

Tires easily

A lot of stamina

Nervous or high-strung

Laid-back

Gets bored doing the same thing repeatedly

Will do whatever is asked of him/her

Sensitive

Affectionate

Would this horse rather be with other horses or with people? _____

Horse: _____

Owner's name: _____

4) Gaits:

Please check all the terms that are descriptive of your horse's gaits at the Walk, Trot, and Canter:

WALK

- slow
- average
- quick

TROT

- smooth and comfortable
- rough, uneven
- big and bouncy
- slow
- quick
- adjustable

CANTER

- smooth
- rough or bouncy
- big
- gets faster with time
- bucks at departure

Thank you so much for your time. We look forward to reviewing this application, and will be back in touch with you as soon as possible.

Office Use Only:

Application received on: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Application approved for: _____

Owner contacted on: _____

Application denied (see attached sheet)