

FRONT RANGE EQUINE RESCUE
A Colorado 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization
ADOPTION APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____; _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions and return to Front Range Equine Rescue.

1. Have you previously owned a horse? If so, when? If yes, did you board or directly care for your horse (direct care includes feeding/watering, cleaning barn/shelter/common areas, turn out, all handling, scheduling vet, farrier, etc.)

2. What is your level of experience with horses (beginner, intermediate, advanced)? Describe in detail (i.e., how did you learn to ride; did you take lessons from a professional trainer? Have you participated in clinics?)

3. Do you have a breed or age preference?

4. Would you adopt a horse with physical limitations (i.e., companion only; no jumping; light trail riding)?

5. Describe the activities you plan with the horse (pleasure riding, trail rides, companion to another horse only, occasional showing).

6. What is your riding style (English, Western, both, other)?

7. Where will you keep the horse? Describe shelter, fencing (no barbed wire) and turn out areas (you should have a minimum of 2 acres per horse and you must have shelter for each horse if you are keeping the horse at your home)

8. Who will ride the horse (adult, teen, child)? What is their level of experience?

9. How many income earners are in your household? If only one, please explain your plan to provide for your horse(s) should that person lose their income.

10. Please check your annual combined household income. We ask to ensure you are prepared to properly care for a horse. Basic care for a horse is quite expensive, and emergency vet bills easily run from hundreds to thousands of dollars.

Income:

- Under \$30,000
- \$30,000--\$60,000
- \$60,000--\$90,000
- Over \$90,000

11. Please describe your emergency evacuation plans should there be a fire or other disaster in your area.

12. Who is your equine veterinarian? Your farrier?

Name:
Address:
Phone:

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13. Please provide 2 references (non-related) who can verify your ability to provide proper care for the horse if we have any further questions. Out of state adopters must have one reference who is an equine veterinarian and can verify your ability to responsibly care for a horse.

Name:
Phone:

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Adopter's must be over the age of 21; otherwise a parent/legal guardian must be the primary adopter and have proven financial ability to provide for the horse(s).

Front Range Equine Rescue works to place horses which match what a potential adopter wants to do with a horse (pleasure ride, trail, companion, etc.) as well as horse care experience.

There is NO guarantee of adoption and Front Range Equine Rescue may refuse adoption for any reason.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE REVIEWED BY BOARD MEMBERS. ALL FINAL DECISIONS ON ADOPTIVE HOMES ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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***FRONT RANGE EQUINE RESCUE
ADOPTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

GENERAL RULES

Adopted horses MUST NEVER be neglected, abandoned, or inhumanely treated (i.e., you must provide regular farrier and veterinary care, de-worming program, proper nutrition and exercise, etc.). Adopters will have no charges or convictions of inhumane treatment to animals.

Adopters with little or no horse experience are required to take basic horsemanship classes BEFORE the horse(s) to be adopted leaves the direct care of Front Range Equine Rescue. Classes can include basic horse care and/or riding instruction by a professional trainer. Classes and/or riding instruction are at the adopter's expense. Front Range Equine Rescue can provide referrals as FRER's horses are evaluated by qualified trainers prior to being up for adoption.

The adopter agrees that the horse cannot be sold, traded, leased, or given away or used for any commercial purpose (including breeding). In the event an adopter cannot keep the horse(s), the adopter is responsible for contacting Front Range Equine Rescue to make arrangements for the return of the horse(s).

The horse(s) must never be sent to an auction, sold to a horse dealer or kill buyer and never offered "for free" on the internet or other advertising. Horses must be returned to Front Range Equine Rescue if the adoptive home can no longer keep them.

Horses are herd animals; therefore, Front Range Equine Rescue requires at least one other horse at the new adoptive home.

Front Range Equine Rescue reserves the right to provide life long follow-up to adoptions. With prior notification, Front Range Equine Rescue may request a visit at different intervals each year.

The adopter is responsible for all expenses incurred for horse care; there are no reimbursements from Front Range Equine Rescue. Adoption fees ARE NOT refundable or tax deductible.

Adopter must be at least 21 years of age with proven ability to financially support a horse. Out of state adopters have additional requirements with regard to Coggins test, health certificates, visiting, providing safe/qualified transport and photo/video of facility. Out of state adoptions must be within 5-6 hour driving distance from where FRER horses are located.

HORSE CARE

The adopter agrees to provide nutritious amounts of food and water, a safe shelter, and humane treatment at all times. If boarding, the adopter agrees that all of the required provisions for care are met (i.e., the feeding program keeps the horse in good flesh meaning that no backbone or ribs show); otherwise the adopter is subject to a breach of the adoption requirements and the horse will be removed. The adopter will allow Front Range Equine Rescue to come onto the property where the horse is located with prior notification.

If the horse is located at your property, a minimum of 2.5 total acres is preferred with shelter that can accommodate each horse -- a run-in shed would be divided so that each horse can be fed separately without interference from a more dominant horse(s).

Initials

The adopter will not place the horse with an abusive trainer or an unskilled rider.

The adopter will not allow the horse to run at large; adequate fencing must be provided and kept in good repair (**no barbed wire** unless electric wiring is also provided).

Front Range Equine Rescue requires their adopters to be financially able to provide for not only the basic care and needs of the horse(s), but also for any and all emergency veterinary needs for the horse. Front Range Equine Rescue does understand that some illness and injuries are so severe that the quality of life of the horse is compromised. A veterinarian humanely euthanizing the horse best handles these situations and we require our adopters to do so when the need arises.

Front Range Equine Rescue must be notified if the horse dies. A veterinarian's statement/cause of death is requested along with permission to contact the vet if needed.

PAYMENT

Payment must be made by cash, money order, or cashier check made payable to Front Range Equine Rescue. The adoption fee is paid at the time of adoption and is non-refundable for any reason.

Adopter(s) has hereby read, understood and agrees to abide by the above requirements for adoption of the Front Range Equine Rescue horse(s).

Adopter(s)

Date

Front Range Equine Rescue, Representative

Date

Witness

Date

Horse(s) Name: _____