

Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary

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ADOPTION/SANCTUARY FOSTER APPLICATION

\$20 Application Fee Must Accompany Application – Can send via PayPal

Date: _____

Are you applying for Adoption, Sanctuary or Training Placement? (Please Circle)

Adoption= You are applying to adopt the equine and will be subject to a 2 year period of review before ownership of the equine will transfer. You will be required to agree to a non-breeding clause as well as being required to never allow the equine to go to an auction or dealer. Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary will retain the right of first refusal for sale after the 2 year period of review.

Sanctuary= Equines classified as "Sanctuary" horses remain the property of Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary and are offered only on a lease basis. These horses can never be sold, transferred, or euthanized without authorization from Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary.

Training Placement= We believe that the key for keeping young or untrained equines out of the slaughter pipeline is to make them a productive member of the equine community. A training placement allows suitable equines to be placed and ownership to transfer upon proof of training. A non-breeding clause is still part of the training placement contract and is expected to be included in any future transfer of ownership.

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

County and Township: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Drivers License Number and State of Issuance: _____

Have you or anyone in your household ever been charged with or convicted of any type of animal cruelty or neglect? _____

FACILITY INFORMATION

If kept on your property:

Do you own or rent? _____

How many acres? _____

Please describe your shelter that would be used for an adopted equine:

Please describe your fencing:

If kept at a boarding facility:

Name of Stable or Boarding Facility: _____

Address of Boarding Facility: _____

Phone Number and Contact Name at Facility: _____

Describe the facility and type of board, i.e. turnout time, stall time, etc:

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Veterinarian Name and address: _____

Phone: _____

Farrier Name and address: _____

Phone: _____

Please describe your current equines and feeding, vetting, farrier and worming practices:

In choosing to adopt, have you considered and agreed to the following? Please answer yes or no and initial after each statement. The adoption contract will incorporate all of the below restrictions and the sanctuary/lease placement will as well. Owning a rescue equine can be a huge source of joy and pride, but it is a BIG commitment.

1. Do you have the required facilities, the desire to have a life-long companion, the financial backing, the mental, physical, family stability and the time required to commit to the above tasks and everything required to keep an equine in good health? _____
2. Are you willing to spend the extra time providing the necessary dietary requirements for your equine, including supplements, vitamins, oil/fat supplements and preparing beet pulp accordingly? _____
3. Do you understand that equines may live between 28 and 40 years and that this is a long-term commitment? _____
4. Do you understand that many of our equines have been worked hard at a very young age and that, although they may be sound for many riding/driving disciplines, it is recommended that before you engage in any strenuous activity with the equine you have it checked by a vet who specializes in the area or discipline that you are looking at doing before adopting the equine? _____
5. I understand as an adopter I will be required to provide documentation on the mandatory check in periods of my adoption horse's coggins, vet records, farrier records, current pictures, location, updates on training, current use, health, illnesses and injuries, information on lessons taken, handler/rider training, adoption horse training, etc. _____
6. I agree to release all vet, dental and farrier records to Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary in the event it is needed to verify the horse's health while in my care. _____
7. I understand that Animals adopted from Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary include no guarantee regarding training level, soundness, temperament, or general condition. As an Adopter I assume full responsibility for any personal injury, property damage or death caused

by an Adopted Animal in the Adopter's care, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary and all persons associated with the program, its heirs or assigns for the horse's training level, soundness, temperament or general condition and for any damage caused by the Adopted Animal. _____

8. Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary tries to make sure all mares have been checked for pregnancy before placement. If a mare is adopted and foals while in the care of the adoptive family there are 2 options; return of foal after weaning period to be determined by vet or adoption of foal after weaning period ends. This contract covers the protection of any foal born to the adoptive horse. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
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9. I fully understand that if I adopt a mare from Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary that this equine IS NOT to be bred under any circumstances. I will do whatever is medically necessary to immediately end a pregnancy if an accidental breeding occurs. I understand I will immediately inform Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary if this happens. I also understand that if a mare in my care is found to be bred or have a foal on her side at the yearly vet evaluation, this will be grounds for immediate removal.
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10. I understand horses are like people, in that each horse reacts differently to new environments and differently to different people, handlers and riders. As an adopter I understand it is my responsibility to get to know my equine fully in order to protect it and to protect the people handling or riding it. I understand that it can take as much as 6 months for a horse to acclimate to a new environment and new people that I will give my adoption horse every opportunity to get to know me and its new environment before expecting it to perform. _____
11. I understand it is my responsibility to know my limitations regarding time, money and riding ability and I will be truthful and forthright in my preference for an adoption horse. _____
12. I am fully aware that if a horse is returned to Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary due to being surrendered by me or removal by them, I am personally responsible for **ALL EXPENSES** in regards to this including but not limited to: shipping, facility holds, emergency vet/farrier expenses during shipping hold or on arrival back to facility. _____
13. I promise that this application is true and factual and I understand that any false statements can result in immediate removal of all the adoption horses from your facility and can also result in legal action against the adopter by Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary and/or its legal representative. **I understand that for this application to be considered the \$20 application fee must be enclosed.** I have read and understand the Adoption Requirements for Adopters, and agree to abide by them all. I understand that if Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary has any questions or there are any discrepancies in my application that Starry Skies Equine Rescue and Sanctuary may decide to do a formal background check that includes credit, work, residential and police checks and I agree to this. _____

14. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be subject to and shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Michigan. The parties hereto shall consent to jurisdiction of the courts of Washtenaw County, Michigan for all purposes and for any disputes arising under this Agreement.

Primary Adopter Signature

Printed Name

Secondary Adopter Signature (if relevant)

Printed Name

Date of Application