



For Office Use Only

Date Application Received : _____
Property Evaluated: _____
Date Approved/disapproved: _____
Horse Name: _____
Date Horse Delivered: _____

THE GRACE FOUNDATION HORSE ADOPTION PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in The Grace Foundation “adopt-a-horse program”. Our goal is to find loving forever homes for our rescued survivors. Without the help of the community in placing horses, we would not be able to continue our mission of rescuing and rehabilitating abused and neglected horses. It is also our goal to match the right horse with the right family. In order to make an appropriate placement for the horse, we must look at all aspects of the new home. This includes the facility where the horse will reside, skill level of adopter, and intended purpose for each horse.

Qualifications:

- 1. Property:** Property must be zoned for horses and be a minimum of 1 acre per 2 horses. If you have chosen a boarding facility, The Grace Foundation will check the facility. If you are renting the property, The Grace Foundation will need a copy of the written agreement between you and the property owner.
- 2. Horses:** Due to the nature of horses, in order to adopt a horse from The Grace Foundation, the adopter must have some experience working with horses. Horses under the age of 4 years may only be adopted by an experienced horse person/rider. It is up to the discretion of The Grace Foundation to deny the adoption of a horse if the Foundation feels the adopter does not meet the qualifications.
- 3. Fencing:** Fencing needs to be of solid construction, which can be made of wood, no-climb wire, or other equine type fence material. The fencing needs to be without sharp edges and visible to equines. Electric wire or tape fencing may be used, but must be visibly marked for horses (via brightly colored hanging streamers or ties). Barbed wire and high tensile wire fencing pose serious safety risks and should never be used as fencing for equines. The sharp points and twisted barbed wire can injure a horse even when the fence is well maintained. Both barbed and high tensile wire can cause severe damage to a horse’s legs and could cause broken bones if the horse should get caught in downed or sagging sections of fence.
- 4. Shelter:** Horse property must have adequate shelter from rain, snow, and heat. Shelters need to be constructed to provide sufficient space for each equine to turn around, lie down, move his or her head freely, etc. For instance, a stall measuring 10 ½’ x 10 ½’ is the recommended *minimum* for the average 1,200 lb. horse.

Adoption process:

Once the adoption application is approved, a representative from The Grace Foundation will contact you to set up an appointment to meet the adoptable horses. Once a horse is chosen, The Grace Foundation will do a fence/home inspection on your property.

If transportation is needed The Grace Foundation can provide it at an additional cost.



The Grace Foundation **Adoption Application**

Name: _____

Co-Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Equine Information

I am interested in adopting: _____

Description: _____

2nd choice: _____

Description: _____

I do not have a specific horse that I am interested in, yet I would be interested in adopting a rescue horse:
Please describe the type of horse you are looking for: _____

Please give an age range of the horse: _____

I am looking for a: Companion horse (no riding) Riding horse Show horse
 Breeding horse Pasture pet(no riding) Other: _____

Please describe in detail what you are hoping to do with your horse:

Please list your horse experience: _____

How many years have you been riding? _____ How regularly do you ride? _____
What type of riding have you done? _____

Do you currently have horses? Yes No If Yes, how many? _____



What are they used for? _____

How long have you owned your horse(s)? _____

If you currently do not own a horse, did you previously? Yes No

If Yes, how long did you own that horse? _____

Please tell us about your ownership experience past and present *(Use reverse if more space is needed)*:

Where would this horse live?

I own or rent my own land: _____ What type of fencing? _____

How many acres? _____

I would board the horse: _____ Name of boarding facility? _____

What type of fencing? _____

How many acres is the land/facility? _____

Address of the facility: _____

Contact information of land owner:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Veterinarian's name: _____ Phone: _____

Farrier's name: _____ Phone: _____

Personal reference other than a family member:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please tell us why you are interested in adopting a rescue horse:

I understand that before any adoption can take place a representative from The Grace Foundation will need to visit the facility where the horse will be living. The land must be zoned for horses. This approval must be given to the Grace Foundation by County Planning Department. I also understand that The Grace Foundation has the right to deny the adoption and is not required to give a reason for the denial.

I give The Grace Foundation permission to set up an appointment to visit the facility that will house the adopted horse. I also give permission to call my references and contacts.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This sponsorship is approved by The Grace Foundation of Northern California.

Date of Approval: _____

Grace Approving Authority

Please mail your application to:
P.O. Box 4692, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, Attention: Adoptions
(916) 941-0800