



THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES

## ADOPTION APPLICATION



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**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 potential new home. This includes the facility where the horse will reside, skill level of adopter and intended purpose for each horse.**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Property** - Property must be zoned for horses and be a minimum of one (1) acre per two (2) horses. If you have chosen a boarding facility, THE GRACE FOUNDATION will check the facility. If you are renting the property, the THE GRACE FOUNDATION will need a copy of the written agreement between you and the property owner.

**Horses** - Due to the nature of horses, in order to adopt from THE GRACE FOUNDATION, the Adopter must have some experience working with horses. Horses under the age of 4-years of age 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.

**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 bared 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.

**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 10.5"x10.5" is the recommended minimum for the average 1,200 pound 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 home/fence inspection of your property. If transportation is needed, THE GRACE FOUNDATION can provide it for an additional fee.**

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## APPLICANT'S INFORMATION:

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS? \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  MARRIED  SINGLE

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN?  YES  NO

IF YES, WHAT ARE THEIR AGES? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE OTHER PETS?  YES  NO

IF YES, WHAT TYPE OF PETS AND HOW MANY?

DOG(S) \_\_\_\_  CAT(S) \_\_\_\_  HORSE(S) \_\_\_\_  COW(S) \_\_\_\_  OTHER

(List other animals here) \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU LIVE WHERE THE HORSE WILL BE LIVING?  YES  NO (See Housing Information to add more details.)

HAVE YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY, EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY, NEGLECT OR ABUSE IN ANY STATE?  YES  NO

WHAT TYPE OF WORK DO YOU DO? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR ANNUAL INCOME? (Check appropriate box)

Under \$25,000  \$25,000 to \$40,000  \$40,000 to \$65,000  More than \$65,000

**EQUINE INFORMATION:**

Horse – First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Horse – Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Age range of horse? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind of horse are you looking for?

- Companion Horse (no riding)     Riding Horse     Show Horse  
 Pasture Pet (no riding)     Other

Describe Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What type of training methods do you use? Please describe in detail:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## EQUINE EXPERIENCE

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 horses? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If Yes, How long did you own that horse? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU SOLD, PLACED OR GIVEN AWAY A HORSE IN THE PAST 5 YEARS?

Yes       No

If Yes, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

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Please tell us about your ownership experience, past and present:

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**HOUSING INFORMATION:**

I own my own land.

What type of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres? \_\_\_\_\_

I would board the horse.

Name of boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fencing: \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres is the facility? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of land owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of veterinarian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Personal reference other than a family member: \_\_\_\_\_

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 further 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 the Foundation to call my references and contacts.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to Beth DeCaprio via email at [beth@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org](mailto:beth@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org) or via US Mail to The Grace Foundation, PO Box 4692, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.