



SOUTH FLORIDA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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Adoption Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Considerations

Before you begin completing this form, please note that any incomplete application, including failure to submit requested photos, will not be considered.

Before you submit your application, have you thoroughly thought about the expense of owning a horse ? Below are some cost examples associated with horse ownership. We have found that a typical 1,000 lb. equine costs about \$4,000 minimum per year to own.

- \$250 - \$300 monthly: Grain and hay with additional costs for full or part boarding
- \$70 — \$100: Hooves shod every 6 weeks.
- \$4 - \$12: Wormer every 6 weeks
- \$300+: Annual vet visits, vaccinations, Cogging test
- \$125+: Annual teeth floating
 - At least 1 - 2 hours each day to feed, clean stalls/pasture, and grooming if you are part boarding or keeping the horse on your own property
- Miscellaneous expenses such as tack, grooming items, and fly spray
- Funds for any emergency such as colic hospitalization or tendon / ligaments injuries ranging from \$1,000 — \$3,000+

If the horse becomes ill and requires medical attention, this can range from a simple vet call and exam for \$100 or could be in the thousands such as colic surgery.

Our goal is to adopt each horse into a forever home where its emotional, social, and medical needs will be met and where it will be happy, safe, and loved for the rest of its life.

What will you do with your adopted horse should the horse become unsound or unfit for riding ?

If you do not intend on keeping the horse for its lifetime, even if it becomes unsound for riding, please do not fill out the application. Our goal is to find good, forever homes for the horse.

Application Information

I understand that this is only an application and implies no guarantee of approval to adopt. South Florida S.P.C.A (SFSPCA) reserves the right to deny any application.

I understand that an adopting party enters into a contractual agreement with SFSPCA to provide a home for the equine for as long as SFSPCA feels that the adoption is in the best interest of the equine. I further understand that adopted equines may not be sold, traded, given away, place in another person's care, or removed from Florida without SFSPCA's expressed written consent.

I understand that if I am no longer able to care for the adopted equine, the equine must be returned to SFSPCA at no cost or recourse to SFSPCA.

Please be advised that a tax-deductible donation will be requested for each adopted equine based on several factors including type of animal, condition, age, care requirements, rideable/ unrideable, level trained, etc.

An SFSPCA Director can advise as to the donation being requested for each available equine. The donation range for most adopted equines is \$500.00 to \$700.00; exceptions can be lower or higher.

In specific cases, other charges and/or conditions may apply to the adoption agreement.

The signed adoption agreement and donation must be received in order for this agreement to be finalized and the ownership of the equine transferred to the adopting party.

Please indicate your preference for an adopted equine:

Pony _____
 Mare (1st Choice) _____ (2nd Choice) _____
 Gelding (1st Choice) _____ (2nd Choice) _____
 Ridable Untrained Horse
 Unrideable/Companion Horse Any Horse
Age Preference (1-3, 4-10, 10-20, over 20) _____

1. About the Adopter and Household:

Name: _____ Age: _____
Home Address: _____
How long have you lived at this address ? _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Employer Name: _____
Address: _____

Part or Full Time: _____ Number of Years: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Married _____ Single

Annual Household Income: _____ Less than \$20k _____ \$20K - \$30K _____ \$30K - \$40K

_____ \$40K - \$50K _____ \$50K - \$60K _____ Over

If you are not working, what is the source of your income ? _____

How many dependents do you have ? _____ List their ages: _____

Has anyone in your household been charged or convicted of a crime against animals or

humans? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Horse Ownership History:

a. Do you currently own a horse or other equines ? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, how many, breed(s), and for how long ? _____

b. If no, have you ever owned a horse ? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain how long ago and under what circumstances ? _____

c. What other animals do you own ? _____

3. Equine Living Arrangements:

a. Will the equine live on your own property ? _____ Yes _____ No

If not, please provide the name, address, and phone number of the facility where you will board the horse:

If yes, do you own or lease your property ? _____ Yes _____ No

b. Describe the type of run-in, corral, or stall that will be provided (include size) and acreage of property including turn out areas:

c. What type of fencing do you or the facility have ? _____

- g. Under what conditions do you stall a horse and for how long ? _____

- h. Do / will you provide a salt block for your horse 24 hours a day ? ___ Yes ___ No
- i. What is your de-worming plan (how often and type of wormers) ? _____

- j. How often will / do you have your farrier trim or shoe ? _____
- k. How often will / do you have your equine's teeth examined ? _____

6. Knowledge of Basic Horse Care:

- a. For what reasons would you call your vet ? _____

- b. List the signs of colic: _____

 What would you do if you notice these signs ? _____
- c. What are some of the causes of sudden lameness ? _____

 What would you do if you notice these signs ? _____

- d. What is founder (laminitis) and what would be the first clue it is occurring ?

 What would you do if you notice these signs ? _____

- e. How long should you wait after feeding to ride ? _____
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7. If you do not have a horse at the present time, please research and give two names each, and phone numbers, of equine veterinarians and blacksmiths in your area:

Veterinarian : _____ Phone : _____
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Blacksmith : _____ Phone : _____

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If you do have horses, please list the veterinarian and blacksmith you currently use. Please inform them that SFSPCA will contact them to discuss your ability to care for an adopted equine.

Veterinarian : _____ Phone : _____

Blacksmith : _____ Phone : _____

8. List three references:

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

9. Please enclose photographs of (1) Any horse or dog you own (2) The facilities where you plan to keep the adopted horse, including shelter and turn-out available to the equine. If you are faxing your application, please mail your photos to our P.O Box or email digital / scanned photos via email to adoption@helphethehorses.org

10. How did you hear about SFSPCA ? ___ SFSPCA Website ___ SFSPCA Facebook Page
___ Internet Search ___ Word of Mouth ___ Other (Explain) _____

11. Please describe, in detail, your purpose for wanting to adopt a rescued horse:

Signature : _____ Date: _____

RESCUED HEARTS

**Taking care of rescue horses is something I do best, I know because I've done it
and I've surely passed the test.**

**The horses that I've brushed and fed, the cleaning I have done, all to watch a
frightened soul stand dreaming in the sun.**

**My own horses I've neglected but I tell them every day, that I love and cherish
them, through a new horse has come to stay.**

**I know they understand this for in their eyes I see, the love that I have given them
come shinning back to me.**

**Some people think I'm crazy, some others think I'm great, but very few can
understand what really is at stake.**

**If I can love and help a horse to find a better way, my life is much more richer that
I look forward to each day.**

So now you know my secret, it is there for all to see.

The love I give, the life I save, I do it all for me !

