

## Sunrise Equine Rescue

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### Adoption Program Requirements

Any person wishing to adopt from Sunrise Equine Rescue must agree to comply with all requirements of the program as set forth below. Persons adopting through Sunrise Equine Rescue receive the use of a horse and are responsible for the care and expenses of the animal. Legal ownership of an adopted horse remains with Sunrise Equine Rescue.

1. **Proper Care and Treatment of Animal.** The adopter must provide the animal with proper nutrition, exercise, a regular de-worming program, and regular farrier and veterinarian care.
  - a. Nutrition. Adopter agrees to provide, or if boarding to insure the provision of, nutritious amounts of food and water to the adopted animal. The animal must be kept in “good flesh” with no backbone or ribs showing. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the animal for cause by Sunrise Equine Rescue.
  - b. Shelter on Adopter’s Property. Unless an exception is approved by Sunrise Equine Rescue Adopter agrees to provide a minimum of 2.5 acres for the horse and a safe shelter that can accommodate each horse on the property and divided so that each horse can be fed separately without interference from a more dominant horse.
  - c. Fencing. Adopter shall not allow the animal to run at large and shall provide adequate fencing and shall keep fencing in good repair. The adopter agrees not to use barbed wire fencing unless electric wiring is also provided.
  - d. Trainer, Riders. Adopter agrees not to place the horse with an abusive trainer or an unskilled rider, except under circumstances where the unskilled rider is receiving professional riding instruction.
2. **Commercial Use and Breeding Prohibited.** Adopter agrees not use the horse for any commercial purpose and agrees not use the horse for breeding purposes.
3. **Basic Horsemanship Classes.** All adopters with little or no horse experience must take a basic horsemanship class from an approved trainer before the horse leaves the direct care of Sunrise Equine Rescue. Referrals will be provided. Expense of class is the adopter’s responsibility.
4. **Reservation of Riding Class Recommendation.** Sunrise Equine Rescue reserves the right to require certain adoption applicants to complete basic riding lessons from a professional trainer at the adoption applicant’s expense prior to approving an applicant for adoption.

5. **Placement Failure.** In the event an adopter is not able to keep an adopted animal the adopter is responsible for locating a suitable new home approved by Sunrise Equine Rescue. If an appropriate new home cannot be located the horse must be returned to Sunrise Equine Rescue. An adopter shall not sell, trade, lease, give away or send to auction any horse adopted from Sunrise Equine Rescue. Adopter agrees to be responsible for all costs associated with the replacement or return of the animal upon placement failure.
6. **Post Adoption Supervision.** Adopter agrees to provide Sunrise Equine Rescue with up to date information regarding the location of the adopted animal and to provide access to the animal by representatives of Sunrise Equine Rescue regardless of whose property the horse is on. Adopter agrees to life-long follow-up to adoption by Sunrise Equine Rescue and to allow Sunrise Equine Rescue to visit the adopted horse at different intervals upon prior notification.
7. **Reservation of Right to Remove Horse from Adopter for Cause.** Adopter understands and accepts that Sunrise Equine Rescue reserves the right to remove the adopted animal from the care and control of the adopter for cause if representatives conclude that the animal is not receiving proper care or conclude that the animal is being abused or neglected in any way. No prior notice is required to remove an adopted animal for cause.
8. **Responsibility for Expenses of Horse Care.** Adopter accepts full and complete responsibility for all expenses incurred for horse care. Adopter will not be reimbursed for any horse related expenses by Sunrise Equine Rescue. Adoption fees are not refundable or tax deductible.
9. **Sunrise Equine Rescue to be Held Harmless and Released from Liability.** Adopter agrees to hold Sunrise Equine Rescue harmless for any fees, legal fees, expenses or damages to persons or property by the animal or adopter, including but not limited to veterinarian, shoeing costs, boarding facility, care givers, farriers, transportation services, and any accident or injury to persons, property or other animals while in the care of the adopter. Adopter agrees to release Sunrise Equine Rescue from any liability for any injury or accident to person or property resulting from the care, maintenance and use of the adopted animal.
10. **No Guarantee Given Regarding Health of Animal.** Adopter understands and accepts that due to the nature of rescue Sunrise Equine Rescue provides no guarantee regarding the health, longevity, or disposition of the adopted animal once the animal is in the care of the adopter.
11. **Procedure on Death of Adopted Animal.** Adopter agrees to immediately notify Sunrise Equine Rescue upon the death of an adopted animal and agrees to provide Sunrise Equine Rescue with a Veterinarian's Certificate of Death within 10 days of death. Adopter agrees to provide the necessary consent for a representative of Sunrise Equine Rescue to speak with the veterinarian regarding the death of the adopted animal.

- 12. Adoption Fee. Payment Method.** A fee is assessed for the adoption of each animal based on the cost of acquiring the animal, veterinarian care and other expenses. The fee is paid at the time of adoption and is non-refundable for any reason. The adoption fee helps support the efforts of Sunrise Equine Rescue and allows for the provision of care to other animals coming into the rescue program. This fee is not for the purchase of an animal, but a contribution to Sunrise Equine Rescue to help the continuing efforts to acquire and care for other deserving equine. Payment of the adoption fee must be made by cash, money order or cashier's check made payable to Sunrise Equine Rescue.
- 13. Financial Disclosure.** Adopter will be required to furnish proof of financial sustainability. Name and address of current employer and prior year tax return, social security number and driver's license number or state identification number.

### Certification by Adoption Applicant

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above requirements for adoption of a horse from Sunrise Equine Rescue.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information and knowledge.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, WA this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

(City) (Month)

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(Signature) Adoption Applicant

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Sunrise Equine Rescue Representative

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Date

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Witness

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