



**Adoption (Retirement) Contract**

This agreement is made between Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation, Inc., (LTRF) and

\_\_\_\_\_, herby referred to as “Adopter.”

Adopter agrees to adopt and provide quality care for the following equine for the purpose of providing a safe, healthy, and loving environment for the horse retired (re-homed) to adopter’s farm/facility.

**General Requirements for the care of an Adopted Horse:**

- Must maintain a healthy weight and condition for their age
- Access to fresh water at all times, as well as salt/mineral supplements. Safe fencing, turnout areas with adequate room for grazing or leisure time.
- Proper and routine hoof care.
- Yearly dental care or as needed.
- De-worming program as recommended by your veterinarian.
- Vaccinations to include: Rhino Flu, Tetanus, Eastern Western Encephalitis, Coggins, West Nile, Rabies, Potomac Horse Fever – or as recommended by adopter’s veterinarian.
- Provide Veterinary care when the horse is injured or sick.
- Provide Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, Inc. a new address if the horse is to change locations
- **The following requires notifying LTRF within 24 hours:** Death of horse
- If the recipient fails to comply with any of the conditions or regulations, LTRF reserves the right to regain possession of the named horse.
- Horses are herd animals and are happiest when they have equine companions. Horses will not be adapted out to a home without another horse.

**General Information:**

A.) Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

B.) Age of horse/DOB (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

C.) Gender of horse: \_\_\_\_\_

D.) Approximate Height of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

E.) Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

F.) Registry and Registration Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

G.) Description of Horse, including brands, scars, tattoos, or disabilities:

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### **Other Agreements:**

- The horse may not be raced or bred, assigned or disposed of. Should a life threatening situation arise, named horse may only be humanely euthanized by a licensed veterinarian.
- Transportation arrangements and cost are the responsibility of the recipient at the time of placement and in the event of return.
- The horse MAY NOT be sold, traded for slaughter or placed with anyone or organization that may cause or allow a horse to be traded or sold at auction for slaughter, or used for research.
- ***The named horse may NOT be bought, sold or traded.*** If the adopter is not able to care for the named horse it must be transferred back to LTRF. A \_\_\_\_ day notice must be given and a \$500 donation is to be paid to the farm. This fee goes towards the expense the organization will incur in providing care for the named horse until a new placement can be found. This fee and notice may be waived for extenuating financial or personal health situations when it is in the best interest of the horse.
- Any horse being returned to LTRF will require a current negative Coggins and all of its shots up to date to include Rhino Flu, Tetanus, Eastern Western Encephalitis, Coggins, West Nile, Rabies, Potomac Horse Fever, which is the responsibility of the current adoptive owner.
- The adopter agrees in advance that LTRF has the right to obtain all veterinary records directly from any veterinarian treating the horse.
- The adopter agrees to permit a representative of LTRF to inspect the stabling and care of the named horse. If the situation is undesirable for the well-being of the named horse according to the standards explained above the named horse will be transferred back to LTRF.
- The adopter releases Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation, Inc. from any liability and agrees to hold harmless Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation, Inc. and any of its employees, agents, directors, or trustees from any and all liability related to the horse, and any injury or cause of action related to the horse. Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation, Inc. makes no representations or guarantees about the soundness, abilities, temperament or health of the horse from the time said horse is released to the adoptive recipients. Furthermore, the adopter agrees to all conditions set forth in this agreement regarding the above aforementioned.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE MANY RISKS INVOLVED IN RIDING, PARTICIPATING AND/OR BEING AROUND HORSES. I UNDERSTAND THAT HORSES ARE UNPREDICTABLE BY NATURE AND IN THEIR BEHAVIOR AND CAN UNEXPECTEDLY BITE, KICK, BUCK REAR UP, STRIKE OUT, RUN AWAY OR OVER ANYONE OR ANYTHING IN THEIR PATH. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO JUMP FORWARD, BACKWARDS, OR SIDE TO SIDE AND HAVE CAUSED INJURY TO THEMSELVES AND TO OTHERS, INCLUDING OTHER HORSES WHO MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE RIDERS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT HORSES CAN DO ANY OF THESE THINGS AND OTHER THINGS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED WITHOUT APPARENT REASON AND WARNING. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT, DUE TO THEIR SIZE, THEY ARE POWERFUL AND INHERENTLY DANGEROUS.

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANYONE RIDING OR BEING NEAR A HORSE IS AT RISK AND CAN SUFFER BODILY INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. I ALSO AGREE THAT I WILL NOT HOLD BROOK HILL FARM OR AGENT, EMPLOYEE, TRUSTEES, OR DIRECTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES IF I SHOULD BE INNJURED OR HAVE DAMAGES RESULTING IN ANY WAY FROM THE ADOPTED EQUINE.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and accept the terms, conditions and above-stated regulations that pertain to my acceptance and adoption of the horse

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Signature of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (where horse will reside): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ownership/Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation, Inc. Representative

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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