



## **ADOPTION PROCEDURES**

**Thank you for considering adoption and MVHR for your next equine!**

MVHR is committed to helping to create a rewarding life-long experience for you and your equine. MVHR is here to provide you with any support you may need to help adoption be a success, and we hope that this is just the beginning of your relationship with MVHR.

We do ask that you please carefully evaluate your needs and commitment towards adopting an equine, as MVHR receives animals from many sources, including stray animals, animals recovered from cruelty cases, and relinquishments from prior homes. MVHR does our best to get to know the animals under our care and will share with you all information we have and learn about any animal you are considering adopting. However, it is impossible to predict any animal's behavior with certainty. Equines adopted from MVHR include no guarantees regarding soundness or temperament.

We encourage all potential adopters to begin the process by reading this document in its entirety, filling out the attached application, and scheduling a "meet and greet" visit to the ranch. This visit will give you an opportunity for our staff to introduce you to equines you may be interested in, as well as others on the ranch who might be suitable for you. This first visit also gives you an opportunity to start to get to know MVHR, and MVHR to get to know you so we can all work towards finding you the best fit possible!

After your meet and greet visit, MVHR will schedule three return visits for you to spend additional time with equines you are most interested in, and work with those equines alongside their respective trainers/handlers to develop a deeper connection with them and further evaluate their suitability for you.

Once you and MVHR staff are both satisfied that a good match has been made, you may enter into a 30 day period with the equine you plan to adopt. During this 30 day trial period, you are fully responsible for all care and expenses for the equine you plan to adopt. This is your time to "try on" all aspects of owning this equine. If for any reason the trial period is "unsuccessful", the equine must be returned to MVHR, within 5 days of the end of your trial period, at your expense. If the 30 day trial period is successfully completed to both your satisfaction and that of MVHR staff, adoption fees will be collected and the ownership of the equine transferred to you via Colorado Brand Inspection, which includes identifying information about your specific equine(s). You will also be provided with an Adoption Take Home file, which will include all information MVHR has compiled about your specific equine(s).

### **Important things for you to know and consider before beginning this process:**

- Applications are reviewed on a first come, first serve basis.
- MVHR reserves the right to turn down an adoption application if they feel the match is not suitable.
- If MVHR does not have a suitable horse for you when you first contact us, we will keep your information on file and contact you when an appropriate horse becomes available.
- Adoption fees vary depending on the training, age and medical condition of the equine, and are non-negotiable.
- No equine adopted from MVHR is to be used for breeding, racing or sold at auction as of the date of this agreement or any time thereafter.
- Furthermore, any individual or organization in possession of the equine as of the date of the agreement and any time thereafter is bound to not sell the equine at auction for slaughter or allow the equine to be sold, transferred, released, or otherwise placed into possession of any person or organization that will cause or allow the equine to be sold at auction for slaughter.
- Once you have completed the adoption process as outlined above, the ownership of the equine will be fully transferred from MVHR to you.
- You agree to provide the equine with a good home and proper treatment and care, including appropriate shelter, food, water and medical attention and shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations related to the care of the equine. You

further agree to provide the equine with safe and adequate shelter, turnout area, adequate and safe fencing, and appropriate and regular exercise.

-As owner of the equine, you are responsible for all of his or her expenses, including but not limited to medical expenses, farrier expenses, and dental expenses.

-You understand that MVHR will contact you from time to time to provide support, if needed, and to check on the progress of your equine. We encourage you to contact MVHR with any questions you may have or just to let us know how your equine is doing. We love to hear from our adopters!

In the event that you at any time can no longer care for your adopted equine, we ask that you notify MVHR. MVHR will do our best to provide you with the support you need to keep you together with your equine. MVHR will always welcome back any equines that are adopted from us. If you decide to rehome your equine with another trusted party, please notify MVHR so we can continue to provide support to the equine.

Please sign and date here to indicate you understand and accept MVHR terms and procedures of adoption:

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### ADOPTION APPLICATION and CONTRACT

*Thank you* for your interest in adopting an MVHR equine. Please review the terms very carefully as it is our goal to make this a positive experience for you and the equine that will be under your care. If you have any questions, please contact us at (970) 653-0185.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Is this your first equine? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, when did you first own a equine? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Do you own any equines now? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what are their ages, gender, breed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What type of equine are you looking for? (breed, size, age, gender, color?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Who will be the primary handler/rider? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is their age and experience? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5) a) What is your level of experience with equines? (please circle one)  
\*Beginner: new around equines, can control a quiet equine at a walk or trot  
\*Advanced Beginner: can control a quiet equine at a walk, trot, canter or gallop  
\*Intermediate: can handle a equine at all gaits  
\*Experienced: can handle spirited/unpredictable equines in different environments/situations  
\*Very experienced: experienced in training equines or experience with green equines  
  
b) What level of equine are you looking for? (please circle one)  
\*Beginner: gentle and calm equine that beginner/child could handle  
\*Advanced Beginner: equine is generally calm, but not suited for new rider or small child  
\*Intermediate: equine occasionally tests rider and may act up (e.g., bucking, spooking)  
\*Experienced: equine is spirited, needs some training  
\*Very experienced: equine has never been under saddle, spirited and needs training
- 6) What discipline/activities would you like to do with your adoptive equine? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Would you be willing to adopt an equine with special needs? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Will your equine be kept at your home or boarding stable? \_\_\_\_\_  
If boarding, please provide name, address, phone number and barn manager of stable: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 9) Please provide the name and number of your veterinarian and farrier:  
Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Farrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Please provide 2 references, unrelated to you, that can confirm your ability to care for a equine:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Are you affiliated in any way with MVHR? If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**By submitting this form you agree to and understand MVHR Adoption Procedures as well as the following terms:**

For and in consideration of the Mountain Valley Horse Rescue (MVHR), a Colorado 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation granting the undersigned permission to enter upon MVHR's facility and/or allowing the undersigned to participate in equestrian activities on its premises, the undersigned hereby assumes any and all risk of loss or injury to the undersigned's person and/or property, whether anticipated or unanticipated, arising from such entry upon MVHR's premises and/or the undersigned's participation in any equestrian activities.

**By signing below, I agree to the above terms and certify that the information on the application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I give MVHR and its officers permission to verify all information contained therein. I understand that the adoption fee is nonrefundable if the adopted horse must be returned to MVHR for any reason.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Application may be returned to:

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue  
33933 Colorado River Road  
McCoy, CO 81631  
(970) 653-0185  
[www.mvhr.net](http://www.mvhr.net)  
[info@mvhr.net](mailto:info@mvhr.net)