

# Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals

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## *Adoption Contract*

**Date:**

**Equine Name:**

**Equine Description:**

### *Adopter's Information:*

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Street Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Email:**

### *Boarding Facility Information:*

**Only applicable if horse is boarded**

**Barn Name:** N/A

**Barn Owner's Name:** N/A

**Phone Number:** N/A

**Email:** N/A

**Street Address:** N/A

**Please see the attached form for your horse's feed and care information. Thank you!**



## Responsibilities for adopting an MSSPA equine

I hereby acknowledge receipt from you of the animal described above. I appreciate that you make no warranty in regard to it, whether as to ownership, condition, temperament, or otherwise. I understand that there is always some risk of injury from any animal, and I assume that risk. In consideration of this agreement to adopt an animal, I hereby release MSSPA, and its agents and employees, from any claim for negligence, gross or otherwise, direct or indirect, which relates to the animal. If at any time I desire to relinquish custody, or the MSSPA demands its return for any reason, I agree to return the animal to the MSSPA, making no charges of any character for licensing, care, food, or other service or thing. I authorize the MSSPA to take back the animal whether by entering on my property or otherwise, if I do not promptly return the animal to the MSSPA after the MSSPA demands its return, or if the MSSPA finds it necessary to take the animal back without prior demand for any reason. I shall personally be responsible for the humane care and control of the animal and your agent shall be allowed to see it at any time.

- Any individual or organization in possession of the equine as of the date of the agreement and any time thereafter is bound not to 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.
- The Equine may not be sold, leased, traded, given away, or otherwise rehomed without the written permission of the MSSPA.
- The equine may not be moved to a new property or boarding facility without prior notice to the MSSPA.
- MSSPA must be notified prior to any scheduled euthanasias, unless an emergency.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I agree not to breed \_\_\_\_\_. If the mare becomes pregnant for whatever reason and under whatever circumstances, I hereby authorize the MAINE STATE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS to repossess the mare and foal(s) by making demand for their return and in the absence of my returning the mare and foal(s), I authorize the MAINE STATE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS to enter upon my property and take both mare and foal(s) or either of them. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

## Required level of care

- Proper feed schedule to maintain a healthy body weight
- Fresh potable water should be available at all times
- Hoof care every 6 – 8 weeks
- Provide proper shelter and adequate turnout space that is cleaned on a regular basis
- As recommended by your veterinarian:
  - o Vaccinations
  - o Regular fecal testing + deworming
  - o Dental care



At the time of adoption, title to the horse becomes fully shared between the adopter and the organization. I have read and understand the conditions of the Adoption Contract and agree to uphold the highest level of care for my adopted equine(s).

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

Signature of MSSPA Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The MSSPA does not charge an adoption fee, however donations are always appreciated and will contribute to the care of the current and future equines in the shelter. Thank you!**

**Donation Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Received by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

