



## Hope for Horses

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### **ADOPTION CONTRACT**

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

This ADOPTION Contract between: Hope for Horses, Inc. 501(c) 3 and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Adopter, 18 years old or older).

Adoption Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement between Hope for Horses, Inc. and the adopter of the Horse described below:

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

ID#/Microchip/Brand/Tattoo#: \_\_\_\_\_

Type/Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age/DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: Markings/Brand/Scars: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Hope for Horses, Inc. makes no warranties whether expressed or implied, including but not limited to any implied warranty of the extent of fitness or training, and the adopter understands that the Horse is being adopted “as is” with no expectations of any other responsibility from Hope for Horses, Inc.

The Adopter understands that many conditions of horses are not obvious and Hope For Horses, Inc. cannot know all the details of the Horse’s history. While Hope for Horses, Inc. works diligently to assure suitability of horse and adopter, the responsibility of determining if the Horse is fit for use belongs exclusively to the Adopter. Hope For Horses, Inc. will attempt to provide ongoing education at a fair fee to help facilitate support if requested by the Adopter.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ The undersigned understands that this adoption is as an “as is” condition with no expressed guarantee as to the suitability/ability/soundness of said Horse for a specific riding/driving discipline.

Veterinary Pre-purchase exam is recommended by Hope for Horses, Inc. to be paid for by Adopter:

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter declined Pre-purchase/Lameness exam.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ Adopter paid \_\_\_\_\_ (veterinarian) and understands and accepts the results.

**Standard of Care (Adopter initials each section):**

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ The Adopter acknowledges that Adopter has been advised by Hope for Horses, Inc. to engage the services of a licensed veterinarian to evaluate the Horse.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ The Adopter agrees to, but not limited to care, feed, provide farrier/vet care, ride, and maintain the above Horse in a safe and caring manner, in a safe environment, in accordance with Hope for Horses, Inc. guidelines. Hope for Horses, Inc. reserves the right to inspect and verify facility and Adopter's care and treatment, in scheduled and unscheduled visits.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ In the case of a Jockey Club registered Thoroughbred, the Adopter agrees that the above Horse is not to be raced in any Thoroughbred or Jockey Club races. In the case of an adopted Thoroughbred, they are not to compete in any track racing, flat racing and/or steeplechasing.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ In the case that the above Horse is found to be racing in a Jockey Club race, Thoroughbred race, track race of any kind, flat race or steeplechase, Hope For Horses reserves the right to reclaim above Horse without financial obligation or reimbursement to said Owner/Adopter.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ The Adopter agrees that the said Horse is never to be bred.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ The Adopter shall not, under any circumstances, sell or give said Horse at or to an auction or send to slaughter.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ If at any time, the Adopter cannot properly care for or keep the above Horse, or if the Horse does not meet the expectations of the Adopter, Hope For Horses will be notified and the above Horse will be returned to Hope for Horses, Inc. without refunding the adoption fee or any fees incurred by the Adopter.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ The Adopter will keep Hope for Horses, Inc. notified as to location or change of location of said Horse for the remainder of ownership.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ In the event of the death of the Horse, the Adopter agrees to notify Hope for Horses, Inc. within 48 hours and may be asked to provide a cause of death statement by a licensed veterinarian, authority, professional, or other third party.

**Release and Hold Harmless:**

The Undersigned assumes the unavoidable risks inherent in all horse-related activities, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, death and physical harm to horse, rider, and spectator. Horses are unpredictable animals that can, but not limited to, stumble, fall, and make quick movements, bolt, rear, and buck. Injury and even death can occur while following best practices, instruction, and direction.

In consideration, therefore, upon adopting a horse from Hope for Horses, Inc., the Undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify Grace Purdum, Hope for Horses, Inc., Hope For Horses, Inc. Board of Directors, and all persons associated with all parties, named and unnamed, and the facility.

When Grace Purdum is acting Agent in the adoption, the Undersigned agrees to hold harmless and indemnity any parties involved, owners/partners, with the Horse adopted from Hope for Horses, Inc. connected with Grace Purdum.

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The undersigned further releases Grace Purdum, Hope for Horses, Inc., Board of Directors, along with those affiliated with the above from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, death, or illness whether by oversight, negligence, or act of God to themselves or to any family member or acquaintance/bystander and the above address or any place or facility the Horse is taken to.

Hope for Horses, Inc. agrees to release said Horse to the Adopter under these conditions and cannot remove the Horse from the Adopter unless there has been a breach of this contract or unless said Horse is deemed to be in unsafe, abusive, or neglected circumstances. Hope for Horses, Inc. retains the right to reclaim the Horse without Court, without delay if evidence of but not limited to, abuse, neglect, or if the Horse is being maintained under a 3.5 body score. <https://www.habitatforhorses.org/the-henneke-body-condition-scoring-system/>

The Adopter agrees to unannounced visits from Hope for Horses, Inc. for up to 90 days. The Adopter agrees to continuous updates with Hope for Horses, Inc. every 30 days for the first 90 days and agrees to update Hope for Horses, Inc yearly.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ If the above Horse is sold, the name and address of the new owner will be forwarded to Hope for Horses, Inc. under all circumstances and contact with new Owner will be made. This Adoption Contract is to be transferred to the New Owner with

a copy being sent to Hope for Horses, Inc. with the New Owner information. ***Non-compliance will forfeit ownership of Horse back to Hope for Horses, Inc.***

This agreement shall remain in effect until the death of the equine. The terms of this agreement are binding on any future adopter or any third-party person or entity taking possession of the equine and this agreement must be incorporated as an addendum to any future agreement.

For Horse described as: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Hope for Horses, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Adopter \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed by Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Address where Horse is to be kept: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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