



Adoption Agreement

This contract is entered into this _____ between Central Virginia Horse Rescue and _____ (hereinafter referred to as Adopter) and is binding for the lifetime of Horse.

The adopter agrees, in accordance with this Agreement, to adopt and care for the horse known as _____ (Registered Name: _____) (hereinafter known as Horse).

Adoption Fee of \$500 or more:

For 90 days after the date of this contract, adopter has the right to return horse to rescue for a full refund of adoption fee. After 90 days, Central Virginia Horse Rescue agrees to transfer ownership of Horse to the Adopter subject to the conditions set forth in the agreement. The Adopter understands that an adoption fee of _____ shall be made payable to Central Virginia Horse Rescue (also known as CVHR).

Adoption Fee of under \$500:

Ownership of said horse remains with Central Virginia Horse Rescue for 12 months. At the end of the 12 month period, Adopter may apply for ownership of Horse by providing full body pictures of horse so as to show their body condition for review by Central Virginia Horse Rescue. As long as acceptable condition is apparent, Central Virginia Horse Rescue will transfer ownership of Horse to Adopter and the remaining terms of this contract shall apply. The Adopter understands that an adoption fee of _____ shall be made payable to Central Virginia Horse Rescue (also known as CVHR).

The Adopter agrees to pay for the cost of any pre-purchase professional evaluations or veterinary exams contracted for by the Adopter. The Adopter agrees to pay for the transportation of Said horse to its new facility. The adoption fees are nonrefundable and must be paid in full on or before or the day of delivery pickup of Horse. The adopter agrees to adhere to the Central Virginia Horse Rescue's policy of no breeding of adopted horses as such this horse may not be bred, under any circumstances. **The adopter agrees that the horse is considered retired from the racing industry and shall not be raced.**

The Adopter will at his or her own expense, care for the Horse in a responsible and humane manner. Central Virginia Horse Rescue guidelines for care of Horse include, but are not limited to: adequate shelter, feed, turnout, worming, farrier, veterinary and dental care to maintain a body score of 4 or above. Central Virginia Horse Rescue reserves the right to request updated pictures of said horse prior to ownership transferring to adopter. CVHR reserves the right to continue requests for updates of said horse for a period of 3 years after transfer of ownership.

Adopter understands that Horse will have a current negative Coggins Test. All known veterinary records will be provided to Adopter, who understands that Horse may need updated vaccinations, worming, dental and farrier care.

Adopter understands that many conditions of Horse are not obvious, and Central Virginia Horse Rescue can not know all the details of Horse's history. The responsibility of determining if Horse is fit for use by adopter belongs solely to the Adopter.



Adopter acknowledges that Adopter has been advised by Central Virginia Horse Rescue to engage the services of a licensed veterinarian and experienced horseperson to evaluate Horse. Adopter agrees to accept Horse in As Is Condition.

Adopter agrees to allow Central Virginia Horse Rescue to publish pictures and progress reports on Horse in written or electronic form.

Adopters are encouraged to contact the rescue with any questions or if any issues with the horse arise. We work with our adopters as much as we possibly can to insure the health of the Horse.

Horse shall be eligible for Veterinary Care Grants in case of emergency need. These grants are individually considered, granted and can be granted up to a total of \$1000. This eligibility will follow the horse for life.

Horse shall be eligible for buy back by Central Virginia Horse Rescue. Please contact Central Virginia Horse Rescue for current buy back amount and information. This eligibility will follow the horse for life.

If adopter decides to donate Horse to another facility, Central Virginia Horse Rescue is granted first Right of Refusal.

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.

Adopter hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Central Virginia Horse Rescue and its officers, directors and volunteers harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability and expense in connection with the loss of life, personal injury and/or damage to property arising out of the use or care of Horse.

Adopter Signature Date

Printed Name of Adopter

Representative of Central Virginia Horse Rescue Date

Printed Name of Representative