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Safe Haven Equine Warriors - Equine Adoption Agreement

Adopter's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

This agreement, entered into on this date _____
between (*print full name*) _____ (hereafter known as 'Adopter')
and **Safe Haven Equine Warriors** (hereafter known as 'SHEW'), is a legally binding agreement
delineating the terms and conditions of the 'adoption' of the equine currently know to all parties
as:

SHEW Equine name: _____

Microchip number: _____

Breed/Gender: _____

Year of birth: [] Approx [Y/N] Color: _____

Additional distinguishing marks and/or tattoos:

Description of said equine's physical condition at the time of adoption: _____

Adopter must initial before each item to acknowledge that they have read and understand each condition.

____ Upon receipt of the Adopter's signed agreement and covenant to provide all necessary care for the said equine, SHEW hereby transfers custody of said equine to the Adopter for the remainder of the equine's life or until such time as the Adopter cannot or will not continue to care for the said equine.

____ In the event that the equine is to be reassigned through the adopter to a third party, said third party must complete the SHEW application process and be approved with the understanding that should said Equine be reassigned again the same process must be followed. Each owner/adopter throughout the equine's life will follow suit. No money is due to SHEW after the initial adoption. It is understood that the objective is to always know where equine is and ensure proper care for life.

____ It is understood that the commitment of SHEW is to provide a safety net for all SHEW equines throughout their lives. Our promise to a SHEW equine is to ensure we continue to have visibility of their care, owner and location to provide the assurance that they can be returned to SHEW at any given time during their life, if the need arises.

____ In the event that it is necessary for said equine to return to SHEW, it is understood that it is the adopter's responsibility to secure transport of said equine back to SHEW. Transport dates should be coordinated with SHEW staff prior to departure. If the adopter cannot secure transport SHEW will transport the horse back to SHEW.

____ It is agreed that said equine will be used for agreed upon purposes. Further, SHEW is not responsible for any injury caused by said equine to people, other animals, pets, property, etc.

____ Adopter shall provide all food, water, shelter, farrier, and veterinary care as required by this agreement (**see Terms of Care**) to maintain said equine in good health and safety and shall provide a quality environment free of physical, mental and/or psychological abuse, neglect, poor handling, and/or mismanagement for the remainder of said equine's lifetime. Adopter should also provide adequate space for exercise and equine companionship.

____ Adopter shall keep SHEW informed of any changes to the name, address or phone number of either the Adopted equine or the Adopter. Adopter shall also inform SHEW of any major changes in the Adopted equine's health. If you are renting the property or boarding please provide a copy of lease or boarding agreement

____ **Under no circumstances should the equine be bred.**

____ SHEW retains the right to inspect, at its discretion and without notice, any facility where the said equine is kept for the duration of said equine's trial period. If assigned agents of SHEW determine that abuse or neglect exists, SHEW retains the right to repossess said equine immediately or at such time as may be required by the circumstances. Should SHEW fail to immediately repossess the subject equine upon findings of abuse and/or neglect, such failure does not constitute a waiver of its right to do so subsequently.

____ Should harm and/or death of said equine result from any act of omission, neglect or otherwise preventable situation, the Adopter shall be liable therefore.

____ The Adopter understands that there may be limitations as to the type of riding and ground work appropriate for the Adopted equine. The Adopter agrees to comply with the limitations described below to ensure that there will be no additional injury to the Adopted equine or injuries to the Adopter.

Specific Riding and Ground Work Limitations for the Adopted Equine:

Please list the name, address, and phone number of the boarding facility where the Adopted equine will be kept, if he/she will not be kept at your residence:

The Adopter is responsible for transportation of the Adopted equine. If available, transport arrangements may be provided by SHEW or an agent of SHEW at the rate of \$2.00 per mile.

Other instructions and agreements:

Adoption fee for said equine: \$ _____

The foregoing is understood and agreed to by all parties as indicated by the signatures below:

Adopter's Printed Name: _____

Adopter's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date:

SHEW Official's Name - Printed : _____

SHEW Official's Name - Signature: _____



Terms of Care

_____ Adopter agrees that minimal care for an equine includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Hoof care provided by a certified farrier (as required)
- Annual veterinary examination and vaccinations
- Annual dental exam and floats
- De-worming and other care as directed by veterinarian

_____ Adopter authorizes SHEW to contact the Adopted equine's primary veterinarian and farrier at any given time over the course of the Adopted equine's trial period to obtain any and all records on said equine:

Veterinarian's name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Farrier's name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

_____ Adopter shall notify SHEW office within 30 days of said equine's death and provide documented death certificate, signed by a veterinarian, explaining the cause of said equine's death.

_____ The Adopter understands that said equine may have health limitations due to previous instances of abuse and neglect. SHEW hereby provides the Adopter with the health records of the Adopted equine that were known to SHEW at and/or after the time SHEW obtained possession of the Adopted equine, and the specifically required medications and nutritional needs of the Adopted equine. SHEW and the Adopter agree that SHEW makes the following disclosures as a courtesy to the Adopter and these are merely opinions. Nothing herein shall be construed as a claim, representation or warranty as to the temperament and/or mental disposition of the Adopted equine.

Health History and Health Problems of Adopted Equine:

Required Medications and Supplements for Adopted Equine:

_____ Equines are inherently herd animals and may experience emotional distress when maintained without a companion animal. Adopted equines must be maintained with a companion animal. The companion may be a horse, mule, pony, miniature horse, burro or another animal as approved by SHEW.

_____ In order to adopt from SHEW, the Adopter must have experience working with equines and this experience must be well matched to the needs of the Adopted equine, including temperament, current level of training, and special needs – emotional and/or physical. SHEW may deny the adoption of an equine if SHEW feels the Adopter does not have the appropriate experience or meet the specified qualifications. SHEW may revoke the adoption of an equine if SHEW finds the Adopter has not accurately represented their prior equestrian experience or if an authorized agent of SHEW finds the match to be counter to the Adopted equine's best interests.

_____ Property where the adopted equine is kept must be zoned for equines and provide sufficient space for the number of animals on site. SHEW will check the facility. If you are renting the property, SHEW must be provided with a copy of the written agreement between you and the property owner.

_____ The Adopter must comply with SHEW fencing standards. Fencing needs to be of solid construction and in good condition; suitable materials include wood, no-climb wire, or other equine type fence material. All fencing in feeding areas need to be without sharp edges and visible to equines. Barbed wire fencing is **prohibited**. High tensile wire fencing may only be used in pastures providing adequate space for each equine housed in said pasture.

_____ The Adopter must comply with SHEW shelter requirements delineated on the site inspection sheet. Equine property must have adequate shelter from wind, rain, snow, and extreme temperatures. Shelters must be constructed to provide sufficient space for all equines housed in the pasture to turn around, lie down, move their heads freely, etc.

____ The agreement reflects that 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.

____ The agreement states that should the adopter decide to re-home the equine, our organization must grant approval of any individual or organization intending to take possession of the equine for any reason prior to the equine being placed into the possession of such individual or organization, including being provided written notification of the name, address and telephone number of any individual or organization intending to take possession of the equine for any reason.

Adopter's Name - Printed _____

Adopter's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SHEW Official's Name-Printed _____

Title: _____

SHEW Official's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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