

TRUSTING SPIRIT HORSE RESCUE

Adoption Process and Application

When reviewing an adoption, our goal at Trusting Spirit Horse Rescue (TSHR) is to ensure the best possible match between horse and owner and to make certain the horse's new home is properly suited to meet that horse's individual needs. We do this because many of our horses arrived traumatized and in poor condition from their experience prior to being rescued. As part of our recovery and rehabilitation process, we work with each individual horse to assess their ability, knowledge and training level and to gain their trust so we can be confident they are suitable and ready to be rehomed.

Horses are social animals and need the companionship of other horses or herd-type, grazing animals. (i.e., goats, sheep, mules) Horses do not do well isolated from the herd. TSHR requires that any adopted horse must go to a home with at least one other animal that falls within this category.

Our application and adoption process is described below:

1. The adoption application must be completed and signed by a person with legal authority to do so.
2. If you are under the age of 18, you must have written consent from a parent or guardian to sign the adoption application and the final adoption agreement.
3. Upon fully completing the application and submitting it to TSHR along with the agreed to adoption fee:
 - a. TSHR will review the application and will contact the references provided.
 - b. You will be required to schedule an appointment to meet with the adoption coordinator for a formal interview. (If a trainer will be involved with the horse, a meeting with this individual may also be called.)
 - c. This meeting is held to help understand the intended use of the horse, the rider and/or trainer's level of expertise and review the importance of compatibility between prospective owner and the horse.
4. Once you have demonstrated your ability to work safely with the horse on your own, you will need to schedule a minimum of two additional visits to undergo further work with the horse. Again, this is to ensure horse and rider compatibility and that a strong "partnership bond" can be established. Additional sessions may be required if deemed necessary and beneficial.
5. Upon completion of the working sessions, TSHR will determine if there is a strong likelihood of a successful adoption and will make a decision to either proceed with the remaining adoption process or not.
6. If you (and the trainer, if applicable) are deemed qualified and compatible with the selected horse, the TSHR board will schedule an appointment to view the property where the horse will reside.
7. Following an acceptable facility inspection check, the TSHR board of directors will take all the application information and complete the evaluation process. This should take no more than 10-days.
8. After the evaluation process is complete, a final decision will be given to either grant the adoption request or decline it.

(TSHR in its sole discretion, reserves the right to deny an adoption for any reason without cause.)

TSHR HORSE ADOPTION APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name of Horse: _____ Established Adoption Fee: _____

If a specific horse is not available, what type of horse are you specifically interested in?

Age: _____ Breed Preference: _____

Height: _____ Range of Training: _____

Other: _____

Buyer's Name: _____ Home Phone _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Please describe your reasons for wanting to own a horse:

Who will primarily care for the horse?

Where do you plan to keep the horse? (i.e., home, boarding or training facility . .)

Please describe the shelter, fencing and size of the area where the horse will be living:

Please indicate when it would be convenient for us to do a property/barn inspection of the horse's planned living quarters:

Please answer the following questions about where you will be keeping your horse:

Do you own or rent? Own _____ Rent _____

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to keep a horse on the property? Yes No

Landlord's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

If horse will be boarded, please describe the boarding/training facility:

Trainer/Manager: _____ Home Phone: _____

Facility Phone: _____ Hours of Operation: _____

Do you currently own a horse or horses? _____ Number of horses: _____

Please describe your horse(s):

If yes to current horse ownership, please provide contact information for your veterinarian and farrier:

Veterinarian: _____ Location: _____ Phone: _____

Farrier: _____ Location: _____ Phone _____

Who will be the primary rider of this horse? _____

Height of rider: _____ Weight of Rider: _____

Briefly describe your level of expertise in the following areas (separate answers for caretaker and rider if different people):

Riding:

Handling:

Training:

Working with unbroke horses:

Do you share your home with other animals currently? Yes_____ No_____

Please describe:

Before adopting any horse from TSHR, potential owners must read and agree to the following conditions:

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1. Horses adopted from TSHR cannot be resold, rehomed, or given away for a period of one-year from the date of adoption nor can the horse be relocated from the original approved facility without notifying TSHR of a change in location.	_____
2. During the first year following the date of adoption, TSHR reserves the right to periodically check-in with the new owner and horse to ensure continued compatibility and assist with any concerns. This may include an onsite visit.	_____
3. If for any reason the adoption arrangements do not work out, the new owners agree to return the horse to TSHR at their expense.	_____
4. If, after one-year from the date of the adoption it becomes necessary to sell or rehome the horse, you agree to notify TSHR prior to any change in the horse's ownership in order to evaluate the new home as well as obtain contact records of new owner.	_____

As a rescue, it is our hope that any adoption is a permanent placement for our horses. While we understand that circumstances change, we also do not want to see any of our horses return to a situation that may lead them to being at-risk and needing to be rescued again. This is why we respectfully request this information. Additionally, we like to keep up on the progress and condition of our horses. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Please provide three references: (it is advised that you inform your references that we will be contacting them to discuss your adoption plans)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Relationship to you: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Relationship to you: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Relationship to you: _____

I certify that all the information contained herein is true and correct:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

When all requirements are met and preliminary adoption procedures have been satisfied, TSHR will require the following prior to transporting the horse:

1. Completion of a preliminary adoption agreement, which will become a legally binding contract.
2. Payment in full of a non-refundable adoption fee (unless payment arrangements have been made previously)
3. An established and agreed to time and location to transport the horse. (TSHR is able to provide transportation of the horse to the adopting person's facility for an additional fee.)

I have read and understand the above procedures and conditions.

Signature of Applicant

Date Signed

Printed name of Applicant:

Return completed form to: Trusting Spirit Horse Rescue
Adoptions Coordinator
P.O. Box 101
Orondo, WA 98843

If you have any questions about the adoption process and procedures, please call Claudia Trapp or Stephanie Stibal at 509-679-6555. You may also email Stephanie at rielyrew@aol.com.