

# Hooved Companion Project

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THIS AGREEMENT is executed the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and Hooved Companion Project.

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## The Foster Agreement

### YOUR INFORMATION:

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

Resident Location: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Equine #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Equine#2 \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Opening your home to one or more of our horses helps far more than you may realize. By signing this agreement with us, you are approved to foster equines at the above address and you are a part of our foster home program that helps equines until they can be adopted into new homes. This agreement will remain in effect from the date of your signature until one year after the last equine owned by Hooved Companion Project is removed from your facility/home.

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## *You agree to the following:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. You agree to accept and provide daily equine care.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Your fostered equine is the property of Hooved Companion Project. and may not be sold, leased, given away, assigned or disposed of, or have any interest in thereof transferred.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Our experience is that many foster homes end up adopting their fostered equine. It is important that if you to decide you want to adopt the equine to let HCP know and submit the application for adoption. The equine is available for adoption to the first approved adopter.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. You agree not to change the location of the fostered equine until the new location is approved by Hooved Companion Project , A temporary change of location of no more than seven (7) days is allowed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. You will not breed your fostered equine nor cause it to be branded.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. You agree that if you desire to cease fostering an equine for Hooved Companion Project , you will give us a written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the equine must leave to allow us time to locate another foster home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. You agree to allow potential adopters access to your fostered equine at our request.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. In order to help us find an adoptive home, you agree to help us keep their individual profile pages up to date with current information and photos.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. If you foster an equine that is in need of weight gain or recovery from an injury, you, our licensed veterinarian and Hooved Companion Project, will set reasonable goals to get the equine at a recommended weight and/or healthy condition. HCP will provide the medications that our vet has prescribed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. As a foster home, you agree to accept responsibility for feeding, scheduling hoof trimming, worming and to call HCP to advise of any provide illness and/or injury
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. HCP's vet is Dr. Nicky Wessel, Cutting Edge Equine Services. Any vet care issues need to put through HCP first. HCP will contact the vet and make arrangements for the equine to be seen at your convenience. For any emergency contact HCP and the vet will be contacted and will be able to assist in providing care until the vet arrives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Once a year, our office will coordinate with you to have the equine be seen our veterinarian for an updated Coggins and to receive the annual vaccinations. During that visit we will send a

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form to the our veterinarian for her to report on the equine's general condition, weight, teeth and hoof condition at time of schedule

-----13. HCP farrier is Casey. It is HCP responsibility to pay for trims/shoes every six weeks or as needed per farriers recommendations.

## **Inspections, Return and Liability:**

1. You agree to permit one of our representatives to visit your property and your fostered equine should we request to do so. You also agree to take and forward photographs of your adopted equine and to provide information promptly as requested by Hooved Companion Project .
2. If you fail to comply with any of the statements in this agreement or Hooved Companion Project . determines that the situation is undesirable for the well-being of the adopted equine according to the terms of this agreement and in the "Minimum Standards of Care," Hooved Companion Project will make a reasonable attempt to assist you in meeting these standards. Should such attempts fail to correct the situation you agree to return the fostered equine to Hooved Companion Project Inc. upon our request. Should the equine be with foal, both will be returned to Hooved Companion Project .
3. Hooved Companion Project .makes no representations or guarantees about the soundness, abilities, temperament or health of the equine. You agree to accept all responsibility for any action or lien resulting from any action, directly or indirectly involving your fostered equine while it is in your care, and you agree that neither Hooved Companion Project . nor its agents will be liable for any damages or injury caused to you or any third person by your fostered equine once you receive delivery of the equine, including but not limited to damages or injuries caused by the fact that the equine does not behave or perform in the manner expected. If any third person makes a claim against Hooved Companion Project ,or any of its employees or agents as a result of any conduct of the equine in your possession, you agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Hooved Companion Project , Inc. its directors, officers, employees and agents from any such claim, including costs and attorney's fee resulting from such claim.
4. This agreement shall be legally binding upon you and/or as the parents or legal guardians of a minor, your heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state of Illinois and county of McHenry, being the Hooved Companion Project , principle location. Any dispute under this agreement shall be

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litigated in and venue shall be the State of Illinois and the County of McHenry. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void.

**5.** You understand that Hooved Companion Project will immediately proceed with legal action against you should any attempt be made on your part to deny immediate access to the equine upon a request by a representative of Hooved Companion Project . or for any violation of any terms of this agreement. Should you deny or fail to provide immediate access to your fostered equine when requested you will bear all costs of enforcement of this agreement.

*I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and accept the terms, conditions that pertain to my acceptance of a fostered equine.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Foster Home

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This contract is hereby accepted on behalf of Hooved Companion Project by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Hooved Companion Project Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Hooved Companion Project Officer

*(Certain fees and expenses may be tax deductible by the foster. The foster should consult his/her independent tax advisor to determine deductibility.)*

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## **Minimum Standards of Care**

The following guidelines are applicable to general equine management practices as set by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and are required of all persons fostering an equine from Hooved Companion Project . While not comprehensive, they offer basic parameters for responsible equine ownership. The number of equines should never exceed the ability of the foster to feed and care for them properly. Such limits are dependent not only upon the physical health of the individual but also the financial ability to maintain proper management. In addition, any individual keeping equines must comply with all relevant state and local laws.

### **General Management Practices**

Various types of enclosure are available to confine equines, including, but not limited to: stalls, dry lots or pastures. In addition, equines shall be provided sufficient opportunity and space to exercise daily and have freedom of movement as necessary to reduce stress and maintain good physical condition. Space and provisions for exercise shall be appropriate for the age, condition and size of the equine.

Group pasturing of compatible equines to allow social interaction is encouraged. If equines are individually stalled, they must be able to make visual contact with other equines, unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian for the safety of the equine in question or other equines at the facility.

### **Facility Requirements**

The following are requirements in order to foster an equine, however, all will be considered on a case-by-case basis:

#### **A - Pasture**

A minimum of half-acre pasture per equine on the property. Exceptions may be made in those cases where the equine will be maintained at a boarding facility provided the equine, if stalled, is provided daily turnout of an adequate time and space.

#### **B - Shelter**

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A recommended 12x12 foot stall per standard size equine in barn with turnout or pasture; or a three-sided run-in shelter with a recommended 12x12 feet per equine in pasture, however, the minimum acceptable space is 10 X10 foot stall or run-in area per standard size equine. Equines shall be provided with shelter that gives protection from extreme weather including but not limited to: prevailing wind, snow, sleet, rain, sun, and temperature extremes. Stalls and shelters shall be constructed to provide sufficient space for each equine to turn around, lie down, and move freely and to allow free air flow. Shelters may be constructed to have removable sides during the summer. All enclosures, stalls and/or shelters shall be kept in good repair and free of standing water, accumulated waste, sharp objects and debris. If the barn or shelter is metal, the exposed metal on the inside of the stall and/or shelter shall be covered with ¾” -1” plywood or 2”x6” boards. There should be no exposed nails or other objects that could potentially cause injury to the equine.

## **C - Water**

The foster shall provide troughs or individual water sources to offer adequate and clean water for all equines. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and free of hazardous contaminants and be positioned or affixed to minimize spillage. Use of defroster to prevent freezing in inclement weather is recommended. Equines that are being trained, worked, ridden or transported shall be provided water as often as necessary for their health and comfort. Frequency of watering shall take into consideration the age, condition and size of the equine, activity level and climatic conditions.

## **D - Feed and Storage**

Equines shall receive at a minimum the equivalent of 3% of their body weight per day in high quality forage and grain. If natural forage is insufficient in quality or quantity, quality hay representative of choice grasses in the local area shall supplement the diet. Diet shall be planned with consideration for the age, condition, size, and activity level of the equine. If more than one animal is fed at the same place and time, it shall be the responsibility of the adopter to ensure that each equine receives nutrition in sufficient quantity. If necessary, equines shall be separated to ensure each has access to adequate nutrition without interference from more dominant equine.

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Individual feed buckets or pans should be provided for each equine. All storage and feeding receptacles shall be kept clean and free of contaminants, such as feces, mold, mildew, rodents and insects. Stored feed shall be kept in such a manner that equines cannot gain access to it.

## **E – Fencing**

Fencing shall be of solid construction, without sharp edges and visible to equines; electric fencing is acceptable. The use of barbed wire fencing is unacceptable in any area of five or less acres or along any side of any area separating equines from one another. Use of electric wire may preclude the barbed wire provision. All t-posts shall be appropriately capped when used as cross fencing to separate pastures, along any fence line adjacent to another equine property or/and property that is less than five acres. Fencing shall be monitored on a regular basis to ensure its safety and effectiveness is maintained.

## **Vaccinations, Dental Care, Hoof Care, Worming and Coggins**

### **Hooved Copmanion Project provides-**

Under current Illinois Law – “A negative EIA test within the previous 12 months is required for all equine, except zebras, which are eight (8) months of age or older, when changing ownership in Illinois. Equine animals stabled, boarded or pastured within 200 yards of equine belonging to another person shall be considered to be a congregation point. All equine must have a negative EIA test within the last twelve months.”

Yearly vaccinations are required. Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Rhino, Tetanus, Rabies, West Nile and any other inoculations your veterinarian recommends for endemic diseases are mandatory. Teeth must be kept in good condition and should be checked by our licensed veterinarian annually. All equine must be kept on a regular deworming program as approved by our licensed Veterinarian. Proper hoof care is required to be done as often as necessary to maintain sound hooves.

## **Maintaining Health**

All equine must maintain weight and condition as described by the Henneke Scoring System between Moderate (5) and Fleshy (7) unless under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. Cuts, sores and illnesses

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which normal animal husbandry practices would require veterinarian care must be attended to immediately by a licensed veterinarian.

## **Gelding**

All studs shall be gelded as soon as possible unless, under the advice of a licensed veterinarian, such gelding would cause harm to the equine due to age or health.

*I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and accept the terms, conditions and above-stated regulations that pertain to my acceptance and placement of the equine.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Foster Home

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date