



Horse Empowered Learning Programs

Therapeutic Riding Center

HELP Equine Donation Policy and Procedures

Policy

Thank you for considering a donation of your equine to the Horse Empowered Learning Programs, Inc. (H.E.L.P.). It is the policy of H.E.L.P. to accept donations of equines from their owners for the purpose of our Therapeutic Riding Program. Equines accepted into H.E.L.P.'s program must be mentally and physically healthy and sound, and they must be able to maintain a moderate work schedule. H.E.L.P. is not a sanctuary for retired equines, nor a rescue organization, but rather a special place where a special category of equine comes to fill a special need. Please review our requirements as stated below, and let us know if you have any questions.

Requirements

- H.E.L.P. requires a visit by at least 2 members of the Horse Committee, preferably at the equine's present location, for the purpose of an initial evaluation. Upon the evaluators' recommendation:
 - H.E.L.P. will accept the equine for a 30-90 day trial period, depending on what the Horse Committee feels is warranted as long as the below conditions are met.
 - If at all possible, the owner will transport the equine to our facility.
 - If, after the designated time period, the equine is not considered appropriate for H.E.L.P.'s program the owner will be responsible to arrange pick up of the equine.
 - Acceptance of the equine for a trial period does not obligate H.E.L.P. to accept the equine into its program.
- H.E.L.P. requires:
 - That, prior to entering the H.E.L.P. facilities, all equines under consideration to be donated to the program have a current negative Coggins test within the last 12 months.
 - All donated equines to be current on all veterinarian recommended vaccinations.
 - That the owner demonstrates or has someone else demonstrate how the equine moves under saddle at a walk, trot, and canter.
 - That the equine be recently trimmed / shod.
 - The equine to be able to load and travel properly and safely in a horse trailer.
 - The owner pay for any major medical costs related to their equine during the trial period.
- According to the guidelines of H.E.L.P.'s Board of Directors and H.E.L.P.'s veterinarian, H.E.L.P. cannot accept equines:
 - Who have tested positive for EIA
 - Who are completely blind
 - With ERU, EPM, Laminitis, or Neurological conditions.



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- If the equine passes the evaluation and trial period and is ready to be donated to H.E.L.P. the donor must sign a donation contract giving up all rights to the donated equine and transferring ownership of the equine to H.E.L.P.
- H.E.L.P. can refuse donation of any equine for any reason at any time.

After reading and understanding the above guidelines and policies, I would like H.E.L.P. to evaluate my equine. If my equine passes the initial evaluation, I will make arrangements for my equine to be transported to H.E.L.P. for a trial period for possible donation to H.E.L.P.

Donor Name (printed)

Date

Donor Signature



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HELP Equine Donation Questionnaire

To be completed and returned to H.E.L.P. before equine can be considered for evaluation

Donor Contact Information:

Name			
Address			
City,State,Zip			
Phone	Home:	Work:	Other:

Why are you considering donating this equine to H.E.L.P.? (use reverse if you need more space)

Equine Information:

Name of Equine			
Breed of Equine			
Is Equine Registered?			
Is Equine Branded?			
Registry?			
Number?			
Lip Tattoo or Brand?			
Micro chipped?			
Name & Information?			
Color of Equine			
Markings on Equine			
Age:	Height:	Weight:	Gender:
Name of Dam (if known)			
Name of Sire (if known)			
Temperament	Rank 1-10, 1 = Very Quiet , 10 = Highly Spirited []		
Friendliness towards adults	Rank 1-10, 1 = Nasty/Afraid, 10 = Extremely friendly []		
Friendliness towards children	Rank 1-10, 1 = Nasty/Afraid, 10 = Extremely friendly []		
Friendliness towards horses	Rank 1-10, 1 = Nasty/Afraid, 10 = Extremely friendly []		
Friendliness towards dogs	Rank 1-10, 1 = Nasty/Afraid, 10 = Extremely friendly []		



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Is Equine currently being ridden?	
If Not, why not?	
How Often?	
Last Ride?	

Can this Equine be ridden by:	
Children at Walk?	
If Not, Why Not?	
Light/Medium Weight Riders?	
If Not, Why Not?	
Adults at Walk?	
If Not, Why Not?	
Anyone Walk Trot or Canter?	
If Not, Why Not?	

Has this equine been trained or had experience in (circle):		
Trail	Competitive Trail	Endurance
English	Pleasure	Driving
Eventing	Barrel Racing	Jumping Height?
Dressage	Youth Horse Reining	Western Pleasure
General Western Riding	General English	Other:

Is this equine currently suitable for or have the potential for (circle):		
Trail	Competitive Trail	Endurance
English	Pleasure	Driving
Eventing	Barrel Racing	Jumping Height?
Dressage	Youth Horse Reining	Western Pleasure
General Western Riding	General English	Other:

Describe any competitive experience this equine has (use reverse if you need more space):

Has this equine ever:	
Bucked?	
Reared?	
Kicked?	
Bitten?	
Other improper behavior?	



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Is this equine easy to:		
Catch?	Halter?	Lead?
Bridle?	Saddle?	Clean Feet?
Worm?	Load/Unload Trailer?	

Does the equine:	
Direct Rein?	Neck Rein?
Stand quietly for mounting / dismounting?	

Describe any current or previous lameness problems: (use reverse if you need more space)
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Describe any current or previous health problems: (use reverse if you need more space)
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Does the equine have any special needs? (use reverse if you need more space)
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Is the equine current on vaccinations?	
If so, which vaccinations?	
When last administered?	
What is the date of the equine's most current coggins test?	
What is the date of the equine's West Nile Vaccination # 1	
What is the date of the equine's West Nile Vaccination # 2	
What is the date of the equine's West Nile Boosters	

When was the last time the equine's teeth were floated?	
What is the equine's schedule for teeth floating?	
When was the last time the equine was wormed?	
What is the equine's worming schedule and wormer?	
When was the last time the equine's hooves were trimmed?	
What is the equine's schedule for trimming or shoeing?	
Does the equine wear shoes?	
If yes, what kind and why?	
Does the equine get along with other equines?	



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In what kind of housing situation is the equine used to (pasture, stall, etc)? (use reverse if needed)

Does the equine have special dietary needs? Supplements? If so, which and why?

To help ensure the safety and protect the clients who may be riding your equine, is there anything else you can tell us about the equine that will enable us to better evaluate him/her? (use reverse if you need more space)

I understand that any mis-statements or withholding of information regarding the equine, intentional or otherwise, that is discovered or observed after the initial trial period could void any contractual obligations between you and H.E.L.P.

Please return signed Equine Donation Policy & Procedures to:

Horse Empowered Learning Programs, Inc.

Equine Committee

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