



Bit of Hope Ranch
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Bit of Hope Ranch Adoption Application

Our goal at Bit of Hope Ranch is to find our adoptable horses *forever* homes. We strive to match the emotional and physical needs of each horse with their new owner. In order to ensure a successful future for these horses, each adopter must submit an Adoption Application for approval.

Bit of Hope requires a copy of the adopter's:
____ driver's license or picture Identification
____ copy of a utility bill or some other form of residence verification

along with photos showing:
____ fencing, gates, pasture,
____ barn/shelter,
____ the adopted horses stall,
____ other horses owned
____ adopter/primary rider in the saddle if looking for a riding horse. If you have a video of the primary rider riding, provide a copy or if it's published on line, direct us to the website.

Bit of Hope Ranch can not process applications without the above information.
Return the application package to the address listed above

Today's Date: _____
Horse you are considering adopting (if known): _____
How did you hear about us? _____

Part 1. Personal Information (Adopters must be 21 years or older and have a steady source of income, the adopter is considered the person responsible for the financial support of the horse).

1. Full name of adopter _____
2. Other names or last names used (if applicable) _____
3. Age of adopter _____ Date of Birth _____ (month/day/year)
4. Complete home physical address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Mailing address _____
5. Number of years at this address _____
6. County residing in _____
7. Home Phone Number _____

8. Work Phone Number _____
9. Do you own your home? _____
10. Do you own the farm where the horse will be residing? _____
11. List each state you have resided in _____
12. A work number to verify employment _____
13. Cell Phone Number _____
14. Home email _____
15. Work email _____
16. Place of Employment with address _____
17. Occupation _____
18. Years at the present occupation/employer? _____
19. What is your income (annual gross)? _____
20. Do you realize it takes between \$2000. to \$3000. a year to care for a horse (feed, vet, farrier, board, deworming, lessons, training, etc)? _____
21. Describe any health, mental, physical, family or work issues, which could restrict your ability to care for, handle, ride/drive and provide for your horse. _____

22. Will there be anyone else helping you pay for the care of your adopted horse? _____
If yes, who and why (give full name)? _____

23. Are you married? _____ if yes, how long have you been married? _____
24. Have you filed for bankruptcy in the last 10 years? _____ if yes, why (divorce, illness, laid off, foreclosure)? _____
25. Has anyone in your household ever been convicted of any crime or accused of inhumane treatment or neglect of animals or people/children? _____ If yes, please explain _____

Part 2. Horse Experience and History

1. What is the intended use of the horse? Please check any and all possible uses:
 Companion (no riding) Pleasure riding only Trail riding Dressage
 Jumping Barrels/poles/contest endurance Competitive trail
 Eventing/Cross Country Baby sitter Pasture buddy 4-H Pony Club
 Lessons with adopter Driving Professional Lesson horse
 Professional trail horse Lead line with children Fox Hunting Hunt Seat on

the Flat _____ Western Pleasure _____ Pony horse or Outrider _____ Reining/cutting
_____ Herding cows/farm work _____ Work Horse _____ Polo _____ Police horse _____
Mounted Patrol _____ Search and Rescue _____ Vaulting _____ Historical Reenacting _____
Ceremonial or Color Guard _____ Carriage or Fine Harness _____ Family horse _____ Childs
horse (below age 16) _____ Beginners horse _____ Field Trials/Bird Hunting _____ Local
showing/competing _____ Regional Showing _____ National level showing

2. Have you owned a horse before where you were the primary care giver and financially responsible for the horse? _____ If yes, how many _____ Explain their use and type of riding, frequency and intensity of riding

3. Is the primary rider a beginner (def: no professional training or not currently riding), intermediate (def: can presently ride a canter, a shy, straight buck, spook or run off on something other than a lesson horse or professional trail horse) or advanced (in the last 5 years you have trained people and horses, have started horses, ridden young and green horses, ridden hot horses (TB and Arab), competed more than 10 times a year and riding consistently at present) _____

4. How many years of consistent riding does the primary rider have (def. riding at least one day a week)? _____

5. Breeds and ages of horses the primary rider has handled and ridden in the last 5 years?

6. Have you sold any horses in the last 5 years? _____ If yes, how many _____ Why were they sold? _____

7. How many horses do you have now or how many are you financially or personally responsible for? _____

8. Why do you want to adopt from Bit of Hope Ranch? _____

9. Why are you looking for another horse? _____

10. What kind and how much riding has the primary rider done over the last year?

11. How did you and the primary rider get your horse training/experience? Circle all that apply: books/videos, clinics, lessons, showing, competing, a trainer, personal experience, equine schools, equine employment, equine colleges, 4-H, Pony Club, British Horse Society, specialized training with Parelli, Lyons, Anderson or Roberts, personal experience, an educated mentor

12. Are you also the primary rider/handler? _____
13. What is the height and weight of the primary rider/handler? _____
14. What is the height and weight of the heaviest rider? _____
15. Do you have a trainer? _____ If yes, what is the trainers name and phone number

16. What is the most important characteristics you are looking for in your horse (example: temperament, training level, experience, a certain riding discipline, color, breed, age, sex, etc) _____
17. What are the maximum number of hours this horse will be worked/ridden per day?
_____ Per Week? _____

Part 3. References and Facilities

1. Vet Full name and Phone number _____
Farrier Full name and Phone number _____
Horse related reference, Full Name and Phone Number _____

2. Have you used this vet and farrier before and will they have you listed as a client? _____ if no, give 2 additional references below:
Horse related reference name and phone number (someone who can vouch for your experience and level of care) _____
A Vet who can give you reference (name and phone number) _____

3. Will this horse be kept at home (the address listed above) or boarded out? _____
4. Do you live on this property? _____
5. Does anyone live on the property where the horse will be stabled at? _____, if yes, give name and contact information _____
6. Give the number of clear cut level acres of pasture that the adoption horse will be kept on _____ what is the total number of large animals on this property? _____
7. What type of shelter do you have for this adoption horse (example: barn, stall, 3 sided shed, describe in detail) _____
8. If you have a barn, give the number of stalls _____ Give the size (in feet) of the stall that will be used on a daily basis for this adoption horse _____
9. What type, condition and height of fencing do you have for this adoption horse (example: 5. tall new board, wire, horse mesh, horse braid, etc) _____

10. What is your turn out plan for this horse (how many hours a day, alone or with other horses, number of horses, same sex) _____

11. Will this adoption horse ever be fed in the pasture with other horses? _____

12. Explain the conditions on which you put horses into shelter (bad weather, summer, winter, sickness, etc) _____

13. Do you rug or blanket horses? _____ If so in what conditions? _____

14. Do you grain and hay horses daily? _____ Twice a day? _____

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15. Describe all facilities (example round pen, paddocks, indoor or outdoor riding rings, trainer or vet on site, etc) _____

16. Describe the type bedding you will use with this adoption horse, the watering system and type of hay and grain you will feed this adoption horse? _____

17. If you do not own the land or facility on which the adoption horse will be kept, provide the following:

Name of Boarding facility: _____

Full Name of facility owner: _____

Physical Address of boarding facility: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Have you boarded at this facility before? _____

I understand the adoption horse requires grain, hay, fresh water, turn out, exercise, daily personal attention, a clean stall and fresh bedding daily, shots and Coggins annually, farrier and deworming every 8 weeks and dental floats annually.

Boarding Facility Owner Printed Name

Facility Owner Signature

Date

