



## **EQUINE ADOPTION CONTRACT**

# SAMPLE

**HIDDEN POND FARM EQUINE RESCUE**  
250 South Road  
Brentwood, NH 03833  
603-568-6654

**HiddenPondFarmNH@gmail.com**  
**HiddenPondEquineRescue.com**

## CONTRACT

**This agreement is for the adoption of the equine noted below and is a fully binding contract between \_\_\_\_\_ (Adopter) and Hidden Pond Equine Rescue (also known as HPF-Rescue-Rehab-Rehome).**

- Photograph of Horse (full body)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Name:
- Tattoo *(if any)*:
- Sex:
- Breed:
- Year Born:      Age:
- Height:
- Color:
- Markings:
- Use Restrictions and Known Conditions\*:
  
- Vaccinations
  - a. Type/Date
  - b. Type/Date
  - c. Type/Date
  
- HPF Veterinarian:

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*\*HPF reveals everything we know about the animal's condition, but we make no guarantees regarding future soundness or other potential issues. Adopter agrees to take responsibility for the animal as is, and to get necessary veterinary care for any issues that arise after adoption.*

*ATTACHMENTS: COGGINS, VET REPORT, CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP*

**ADOPTER:** *Read each section and initial on short line to left of each item number. By initialing each item, adopter acknowledges full understanding and agreement to abide by this contract in its entirety. All legal and/or court fees necessary to enforce the contract will be paid by the adopter.*

## 1. PROPER CARE AND USAGE

- Adopter agrees that the animal will receive proper equine care at all times.
  - *Proper equine care* includes regular feeding, farrier services, veterinary services, and other care that is standard for quality care of an equine animal. At all times the adopting home agrees to treat the animal humanely, and under no circumstances will tolerate any type of abuse to the animal.
    - Veterinarian services include assessment, vaccinations, and recommended treatment for lameness, colic, tick-borne illnesses, and injuries.
  - No animal that is adopted may be kept in a facility without any other equines.
  - If, under any circumstances, the equine does not receive Proper Care, as defined in above paragraphs, Hidden Pond Equine Rescue reserves the legal right to pick up or have the animal returned immediately without delay, and the adoption will be null and void. The adoption fee will not be refunded. Any expenses for transportation or associated veterinary fees incurred by Hidden Pond will be paid by adopter.
- All animals adopted from Hidden Pond Equine Rescue are strictly for non-breeding purposes. If the animal being adopted is a female, the adopter agrees and certifies not to breed the animal, or put the animal in proximity to a stud, either by accident or on purpose. Mares will not be adopted to a facility with a stud horse in residence. All male horses will be gelded prior to leaving HPF.
- If not already microchipped, **all animals adopted from Hidden Pond Equine Rescue shall be microchipped within 30 days of the adoption, at the expense of the adopter.** Documentation of the microchipping procedure, including the information embedded on the microchip, must be sent to Hidden Pond Equine Rescue within 45 days of the adoption. Failure to do so may result in nullification of the adoption.

## 2. BARN/FARM LOCATION

This horse/mule/donkey/mini will be residing at \_\_\_\_\_, as specified in the attached Adoption Application.

- Adopter agrees to notify Hidden Pond Equine Rescue of any changes to this information at least 24 hours before horse is moved to a new location.
- Adopter gives HPF staff permission to visit adopted horse at any time, without prior notice.
- **If Adopter moves the horse without advising Hidden Pond Equine Rescue as stated above, the adoption is voided, and ownership will revert back to Hidden Pond Equine Rescue, except in the event of an emergency where the horse's health may be endangered if not moved.** Should that occur, Hidden Pond Equine Rescue must be notified within 24 hours.

## 3. FUTURE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

- During the first year of ownership, should the adopter decide not to keep the horse(s), it shall be returned to Hidden Pond Equine Rescue, unless Hidden Pond Equine Rescue waives this right. After the first year, the adopters agree that Hidden Pond Equine Rescue will have right of first refusal should the adopter decide to sell or give the horse away at any time.
- Should Hidden Pond Equine Rescue waive this right, the adopters understand and agree that any potential new owners must be approved by HPF. **No transfer or sale of the horse to a third party may be completed without Hidden Pond Equine Rescue's written approval.**
- The horse(s) may be returned to Hidden Pond Equine Rescue during the life of the horse(s), for any reason.
- The adopter understands and agrees that neither they nor any subsequent owner of the horse is permitted to sell the horse at auction or to any entity that sells animals to slaughterhouses anywhere in the world.

## 4. BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

- All horses adopted from Hidden Pond Equine Rescue are without any written or expressed guarantees for behavior or performance. Horses are unpredictable animals, and as such their behavior is can result in injury to people or other horses. Nothing shall be inferred or implied except that which is written in this contract.

5. ADOPTION FEES AND TERMS

- ADOPTION DONATION AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- We have read and agree to all terms of this Equine Adoption Agreement and attest that all information on the Adoption Application is true and accurate and becomes a part of this Adoption Agreement. We hold harmless Hidden Pond Farm and all its employees and volunteers from any and all liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, or illness that may occur as a result of this adoption.
- ALL ADOPTION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

This contract is agreed to in full by Adopter and Hidden Pond Farm Equine Rescue.

Adopter Name (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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For Hidden Pond Equine Rescue (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*HPF-Rescue-Rehab-Rehome is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*

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50 South Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

**INCOMING ANIMAL RECEIPT**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location City: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal name:	Animal's status:
Animal ID:	Reason for surrender:
Species:	
Primary breed:	
Secondary breed:	
Gender:	Owner name:
Neutered?    Yes    No    Don't know	
Primary color:	Address:
Secondary color:	
Color pattern:	
Coat description:	Phone:

**CONDITIONS OF SURRENDER**

This is to certify that I have on this date irrevocably surrendered to Hidden Pond Farm Equine Rescue an animal(s) of which I have legal custody and/or control. I understand that Hidden Pond Farm Equine Rescue will provide or find the animal a suitable home.

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Hidden Pond Farm Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_