Therapeutic Horses
OF SARATOGA

Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga Adoptee Requirements

Personal Requirements

Applicants must:

• Be at least 21 years of age. If younger, a parent must be added to application and sign the Adoption Contract to adopt.

• Meet a minimum salary requirement of _____

• Live within the continental United States (48 contiguous states). We do not adopt to Hawaii, Alaska or any foreign country, including Canada.

• Be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident of U.S.

• Have owned a horse before. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis if the applicant has sufficient horse experience.

• Have at least two non-family personal references that are aware of the adopter's horse experience.

• Agree to uphold our 'Lifetime Allegiance" program by supplying quarterly reports for the first year of adoption, then annually thereafter. As well as agreeing to notify Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga if there comes a time to rehome the Adopted Horse, so that the Lifetime Allegiance Adoption Transfer Contract can be completed. This must happen before transfer of ownership takes place.

Facility Requirements

Acreage

• There must be at least one acre per horse if the horse will be kept at an applicant's own farm (a private facility).

• There must be at least ½ acre per horse if the horse will be kept at a boarding facility.

• The boarding facility must agree to signing our THS Boarding Farm Agreement.

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• Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis. Facilities that don't match our typical criteria may be considered if appropriate pasture and turnout management is documented. Additional photos and references may be required.

Stall Size

• Stalls must be at least 10'x10'

• Depending on what part of the country the applicant resides, a stall might be REQUIRED. For instance, a facility in the northeast would need a stall space for cold, winter months when storms can become dangerously cold or windy. A facility on the southern coast would need a stall for tropical storms, etc.

• The horse must have access to a stall, or the applicant must have a way to feed and care for the horse away from other horses. We find that horses' eating habits and herd dynamics can change consistently. A horse that has not needed protection to eat in the past may still need it in the future. Being able to provide this for your horse is a key component to proper care.

• For a facility with no stalls to be approved, horses must have access to adequate shelter large enough to accommodate all horses housed together, not just adopted horse.

• All horses must have access to adequate shelter based on the facility's geographic location (i.e., in hot/humid climates a stall, shelter or shade must be accessible).

Acceptable Fencing

• Wood/vinyl rail/ split rail—at least two rails high.

• Woven wire/horse fence/no-climb fence/mesh fence/ field fence, etc.

• Electric tape/braided rope/coated wire (highly visible)—at least three strands high.

Shipping and Transport

• Horses shipping more than 1,000 miles must be transported in a box stall.
Shipping long distance is very stressful to a horse and having a box stall will ensure he remains comfortable. We have also found that shipping companies vary greatly in routes and care of horses while shipping. Therefore, if hiring a shipping company, Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga reserves the right to approve said shipping company and route taken prior to finalizing the trip.