

## Spring Hill Horse Rescue

**TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP****Terms and Conditions of Contract for Adopting**

The following are terms and conditions in which you, as an Adopter, must agree to, acknowledge, and sign before taking possession of the animal described below.

**This is a legally binding contract. If any of these terms or conditions is broken you may be subject to legal consequences.**

1. Adopter signs this form testifying he/she has not been charged with any animal cruelty crimes. If it is found that Adopter has animal cruelty charges against them (past, present or future), Spring Hill Horse Rescue (SHHR) will repossess said animal and retain ownership. By signing this contract Adopter understands and agrees to this term.
2. Adopter agrees that the animal identified below will never be sold or given to or at an auction, to a livestock dealer, for commercial use, or to a slaughterhouse. If said animal must be put to death due to medical conditions, said animal must be euthanized by a certified veterinarian and SHHR will be notified.
3. Adopter agrees to notify SHHR of sale or change of ownership via provided transfer of ownership form. If ownership changes and SHHR does not receive a transfer of ownership, said Adopter is liable to pay SHHR the full original adoption fee. Upon the sale or giving-away of said animal, Adopter agrees such sale or giving-away will not occur unless the new owner agrees to the terms of this contract in signature and also agrees to provide his/her name and address to *Spring Hill Horse Rescue*, 175 Middle Rd, N. Clarendon, Vermont 05759 - Phone: 802 775-1098. Adopter is responsible for conveying these terms to the new owner. Until the new owner signs the contract and it is returned to SHHR, Adopter agrees to remain responsible for this animal and to the terms and conditions of this contract. If, at any time, the Adopter cannot care for said animal, SHHR agrees to take the said animal back.
4. Adopter agrees that a SHHR representative will be allowed to visit said animal at any time. If said animal is found to be neglected or abused upon SHHR's determination (i.e. malnourished, unattended hooves and/or sores, abusive training tactics, etc), Adopter agrees that SHHR may immediately repossess the animal. In such event, Adopter agrees to relinquish all rights of ownership to SHHR, neither purchase fees nor any other financial obligation will be refunded or owed by SHHR.
5. Adopter understands that SHHR requires current photos of said horse and a statement of health (provided) from a certified veterinarian on an annual basis. SHHR may also request current photos or a statement of health at any given time. Adopter agrees to facilitate such requests within 45 days of the request.
6. Said animal is adopted 'as is', the Adopter recognizes this animal may have been rescued from abuse, neglect, &/or slaughter which may contribute to future health problems.
7. Spring Hill Horse Rescue recommends and advocates the use of natural training methods.
8. Adopter agrees that SHHR may contact the vet listed below at any time to check on the well being of said animal. If said Adopter no longer uses the services of below vet, the contact information of the current vet will be provided upon request.
9. Adopter understands that these terms and conditions may be revised at any given time and agrees to comply with any and all future revisions. Adopter also understands that if any of these terms or conditions is breached or broken, SHHR can take possession of said animal and Adopter will relinquish all ownership rights with no financial obligations or refunds from SHHR.

Animal Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if known)

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Markings: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(print full name) (sign full name)

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_, Email: \_\_\_\_\_

have read and understand all of the above terms and conditions. I understand if I break any terms in this contract I may be legally prosecuted and all ownership rights to said horse will be relinquished automatically to SHHR.

**This contract must be signed by those 18 years of age and older.**

**Witnessed by:** Previous owner print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of previous owner: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:**

Vet Reference (Name & Phone #): \_\_\_\_\_