



# Adoption Contract

Equine's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered:  Yes  Grade

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Instructions:** Read each section and initial on the line preceding each section indicating you understand the information. All sections must be initialed. Sign and date the last page as prompted.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereafter referred to as the Adopter, agree  
(PRINT FULL NAME) to abide by the following terms set forth by Whiskey Ridge Rescue (WRR) in regards to adopting the horse described above. This agreement is made as of the day \_\_\_\_\_.  
(TODAY'S DATE)

» I, the Adopter, agree to pay a non-refundable adoption fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (USD) for the horse described above. This adoption fee is not the true value of the adopted horse and is non refundable under any and all circumstances. The adopted horse does not carry any warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. I hereby release and agree to hold WRR, its employees, volunteers, agents, directors, members, successors and assigns from any claim, liability or cause of action arising out of or in any way related to, my adoption or ownership of this horse. I further agree that WRR cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen health problems, injuries or accidents occurring in these adopted horses.

» I, the Adopter, agree to maintain a proper environment for the horse, including, but not limited to, proper veterinary care, yearly dentals (or as otherwise advised), adequate shelter, fencing, consistent access to hay or grass, additional feed, water, humane care, and an environment that is clean, with daily turnout space, to maintain the health of the horse.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, agrees to allow a representative of WRR to inspect the property where the adopted horse will be housed, and understand I could be denied adoption or potentially have the adoptive horse seized if all standards of care are not being met. I hereby agree to provide all necessary care for any adopted horse requiring special needs. I understand an adopted horse designated as companion only is not to be ridden at any time, and/or understand the specified needs below:

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»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, agree to provide regular veterinary care as needed for the horse and follow a vaccination schedule as deemed appropriate by my veterinarian. I further agree to provide routine farrier care every six to ten (6-10) weeks, at minimum, or as directed by a professional farrier. I agree to routine deworming of this horse every nine to twelve (9-12) weeks or as directed by my veterinarian. In addition, I agree to provide routine dentals (teeth floats) yearly or as directed by a professional equine dentist and/or veterinarian.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, agree never to breed the adopted horse if a mare, and to geld as soon as possible, if adopted as a stud, within the following time frame: \_\_\_\_\_  
I further understand that the cost of this surgery will be my financial responsibility. In the event that I fail to geld this horse, within the specified time frame, I will immediately return the horse to WRR. Documentation of the gelding procedure must be provided to WRR within seven (7) calendar days of the day of procedure. In case of accidental breeding, the Adopter agrees to notify WRR, and obtain veterinary advice immediately. If a live foal results from any accidental breeding, Adopter agrees to donate \$250 to WRR. This \$250 donation is recognition that the Adopter will provide the foal with a forever home and that the Adopter will adhere to all requirements of this agreement. The live foal can be returned to WRR upon weaning from the mare, but cannot be sold, leased, or auctioned under any circumstances, foreseeable or otherwise.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, understands that WRR has the right and permission to send a licensed veterinarian, of their choice, to examine the adopted horse at any time during the life of the horse. I further understand that WRR has the right and permission to remove any horse(s) adopted from WRR in the Adopter's care, if it is found that the adopted horse is not being cared for as described in this contract. Entry upon the premises for such purposes will not constitute trespassing, provided a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours written notice has been given. No adoption fees, or monies of any kind, will be refunded to the Adopter for any reason. The horse will be returned to WRR, with any documents pertaining to the adopted horse, at the Adopter's expense.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, agree to provide WRR with periodic photographic updates of the rescued horse's condition as follows:

1) Every sixty (60) days, for the period of one year from date of adoption, I will provide photographic updates of the adopted horse to WRR via email to whiskeyridgerescue@yahoo.com or via Facebook messenger to the WRR page.

2) Every four (4) months, after the first calendar year from the date of adoption, I agree to provide photographic updates of the adopted horse to WRR until the death of the horse.

3) I understand that if I fail to provide photographic updates, as instructed, I agree to allow WRR to enter the premises, where the adopted horse is living, in order for WRR to verify the horse's condition and welfare. Entry upon the premises, for such purposes, will not constitute trespassing provided a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours written notice has been given.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, agree that in the event I move the horse from the location specified on the final page of this contract, I will notify WRR of my intentions prior to moving the adopted horse. All standards of care, as stated in this adoption contract, must continue to be met in the horse's new location. This is not condoning transfer of the adoptive horse to another individual and is only encompassing a locational change in housing of the WRR equine.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, agree to immediately notify WRR in the event that:

- 1) The adopted horse will be moved from the property listed on the final page of this contract; or
- 2) The adopted horse becomes ill or injured to the extent they require veterinary care; or
- 3) If the adopted horse dies, while in my care, WRR must be immediately notified. If possible, it is preferred that we are provided with documentation from a licensed veterinarian detailing the horse's cause of death within thirty (30) calendar days of the horse's death.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, understands that if I am not happy with the adopted horse, I can return the horse to WRR, at my expense. Given the horse is in the same health and condition as when adopted, I understand that I can apply any previously paid adoption fees to another horse of my choosing that is more suitable for my situation. I understand that I will not receive a refund of any previously paid adoption fees, and those fees will be considered a donation. I understand the adopted horse is not to be sold, leased, or sent to auction, as WRR retains first right of refusal. Under no circumstances should a horse be given away, sold, leased or relinquished to any individual or organization outside of the agreement between adopter and Whiskey Ridge Rescue.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, in regards to Liquidated Damages and Attorney Fees, agree to pay all attorney's fees and expenses in the event this contract is breached and/or forwarded to an attorney for enforcement. This agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Missouri. Any litigation under this agreement shall be resolved in the trial courts of Pettis County, State of Missouri.

»→ \_\_\_\_\_ I, the Adopter, understand that this adopted horse does not qualify as personal property. I am the sole Adopter and this horse cannot be considered personal property in the event of a divorce. In the event of my death my heirs shall return the horse to WRR. If heirs meet the necessary qualifications, including but not limited to those listed in this contract, for adoption upon the death of the Adopter they will be given first right of refusal in adoption of the horse provided a new Adoption Application has been completed by their heirs, the new Adopter.

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**By signing both the Adoption Application and Adoption Contract, I declare all of the information I have submitted to be the truth, to the best of my knowledge, and if found to be fraudulent, that I will be denied approval of adoption and I could be held liable. I have read and understand the above terms of this contract and agree to all of them.**

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**Adopter's Printed Name**

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**Phone Number**

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**Address** (Where Equine Will Be Housed)

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**City/State/Zip**

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**Adopter's Signature**

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**Date**

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**WRR Representative's Signature**

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**Date**