

**EQUINE ADOPTION APPLICATION**

Drifter’s Hearts of Hope requires that this application be completed in full and submitted prior to the approval of adoption of any equine. Submission of an application does not guarantee adoption of any animal to any person regardless of the date of submission, previous conversations with Drifter’s Hearts of Hope staff or representatives, or previous knowledge of the animal. Drifter’s Hearts of Hope reserves the right to place animals in its care into adoptive homes in its sole and absolute discretion.

The adoption application is a part of the adoption process. Additional steps may be required for approval. All adopters must be 18 years of age or older. It is understood that adults may wish to adopt for persons under the age of 18. If the adoption is approved, the adult will be fully responsible for care of the adopted equine.

Please return your completed application via email to info@driftersheartsofhope.org.

|  |
| --- |
| Personal Information |
| Full Name:      | Date of Birth:      |
| Address:      |
| City:       | County:       | State:      | Zip:      |
| Mailing Address (If different form above) |
| Address:      |
| City:      | County:      | State:      | Zip:      |
| Driver’s License Information | State:      | #:      |
| Cell Phone:      | Home Phone:      | Email:      |
| What other pets or livestock do you have?:      |
| Do you, or anyone you plan to allow to ride your horse, weigh above 250 pounds? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No *\*Please note, most horses can comfortably carry up to 250lbs (including tack). Riders weighing more than 250lbs will be best suited to adopting draft or draft-cross horses.*  |
| Have you ever been issued a citation, warning or been convicted of animal cruelty? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| …. |
| Equine Experience  |
| What is your riding experience/equine experience? |
| [ ]  **Beginners:** Rider is new around equines. Comfortable riding at a walk.[ ]  **Advanced Beginners:** Comfortable riding at a walk, and trot. Some experience with faster gaits.[ ]  **Intermediate:** Comfortable at all gaits, can handle equines in various situations and environments[ ]  **Advanced:** Comfortable handling difficult equines in various situations and environments.[ ]  **Trainer:** Has previous experience training equines or experience handling green equines. |
| Have you ever owned an Equine? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| What style of riding or driving do you practice?      |
| Are you working with a trainer? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No If yes, please provide your trainer’s name:       |
| What to you intend to use this horse for?       |
| Facility or Boarding Information |
| Will the Equine be stabled on your property of boarded out? |
| If kept on your property: |
| If you are a first-time owner, who will be helping you learn to keep horses properly, and be available during emergencies for help?       |
| How many acres will the equine have access to?       |
| What Kind of Shelter do you have (Barn/Stalls, loafing sheds, windbreaks, etc.?       |
| What kind of fencing do you have?       |
| What is the total number of equines on the property?       |
| If the equine is boarded on someone else’s property: |
| Name of Boarding Stable:       | Owner:       |
| Address:       |
| Have you boarded a equine at this facility before: [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Additional Questions |
| Is there a specific equine you want to adopt? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| If so, please describe the equine:       |
| Will you accept an equine with a limitation? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| **Lameness:**  [ ]  None [ ]  Slight [ ]  Rideable with special care [ ]  Not rideable ( companion equine) **Behavioral:** [ ]  None [ ]  Slight [ ]  Needs confident handler [ ]  Needs retraining**Health:**  [ ]  None [ ]  Minor needs (feed, etc.) [ ]  Special needs (medications, blind, etc.)  |
| What type of equine do you wish to adopt?  |
| [ ]  **Experienced:** Calm, gentle, minimal handling issues. Could be handled by child or beginner. [ ]  **Inexperienced or Green:** Has had inadequate training, but has good manners [ ]  **Untrained:** May never have been adequately handled or broke, or may be young.  |
| References  |
| It is our practice to contact references. These include personal acquaintances, veterinarians and farriers.  |
| Reference #1  |
| Name:       | Phone:       |
| Email:       |
| Reference #2 |
| Name:       | Phone:       |
| Email:       |

 I attest that all of the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Signature of Applicant:       | Date:       |