



**DHOH ADOPTION APPLICATION**

The adoption application is a part of the adoption process. Once you submit your adoption application, a DHOH team member will reach out to you to begin the rest of the adoption process. The adoption process also includes a riding evaluation, home check, reference check and the signing of an adoption contract. 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 the care of the adopted equine.

**OUR ANIMALS ARE OUR CLIENTS**

Our job is to find each of our animals the right home. Rejected applications are not necessarily a reflection on the applicant's home, but rather based on the determination that the home is not the right match.

Please return your completed application via email to [info@driftersheartsofhope.org](mailto:info@driftersheartsofhope.org).

Personal Information			
Full Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Mailing Address (If different from above)			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Driver's License Information		State:	#:
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	Email:	
Date of Birth:	Job Title:	Employer:	
What other pets or livestock do you have?			
Do you, or anyone you plan to allow to ride your horse, weigh above 225 pounds? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>*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.</i>			

What is the rider's weight?

What is the rider's height?

Have you ever been issued a citation, warning or been convicted of animal cruelty?  Yes  No

Have you ever surrendered, sold and/or given away a horse?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain why:

## 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 do you intend to use this horse for?

## Facility or Boarding Information

Will the Equine be stabled on your property or boarded out?  Personal Property  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

Do you have a trailer?  Yes  No

If you have a trailer, your trailer is of appropriate height (at least 7ft tall):  Yes  No

*\* Please note, we do not allow horses to leave in a straight load trailer. Horses must be transported in a slant-load or stock type trailer. If you do not have a trailer, we have transport services that we can refer you to.*

I understand that horses cannot be picked up in a straight load trailer and the trailer must be at least 7ft tall:

Yes  No

### Additional Questions

Is there a specific equine you want to adopt?  Yes  No

If so, please describe the equine:

Why are you interested in adoption a horse?

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 the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant:

Date: