

# ***Florida Draft Horse Rescue***

*Florida Draft Horse Rescue is a non-profit Organization that strives to improve Neglected, Starved, and Abused Horses Lives. We provide Equine Rescue regardless of age or disability. We provide Rehabilitation, Education, and Adoption Services. We promote and teach horse care and humane, natural methods of training for horses. All Adoption Fee's are put back into our rescue program in order to support future horses that need assistance. Once adoption fee has been set, we will not take less than the offered price. We typically invest far more than what we can adopt such horse/s for and do not have room to barter on adoption fee's. Remember, you are helping rescued horses. Adoption fees are based upon the amount of treatment and care that went into each horse. Fee's are also based upon the horses age, temperament, Registration and whether or not the horse is trained to ride. All adoption fee's are due and must be paid, when adopter is approved and has agreed to adopt said horse/s. We do not accept payment arrangements on adoption horse/s, NO EXCEPTIONS! Generally, No Adoption fee shall be above \$1,800.00.*

*Please keep in mind that when you are adopting a rescue horse that you should plan to make this a life long companion. Typically horses that are treated appropriately can live to be 35 years of age and older. We want to find each Rescued Horse a **Loving, Forever Home**.*

*Thank you for your interest in our Rescue and Adoption Program. Please fill out the attached paperwork, have it notarized, and return it back to us as soon as possible. All Adoptions are based on a first come, first served basis, depending on all requirements being met. Upon completion of your Application and Contract, we will contact you to inform you whether or not your application was approved to adopt along with a list of available horses. Your application will remain on file with us until you have chosen a horse to adopt. We appreciate your interest and look forward to meeting a future adopter.*

*Thank you*

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## Adoption Application

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

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

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarians Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of Animal Cruelty? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the horse to be stabled on your property or boarded out? \_\_\_\_\_

If on your property, number of acres the horse will be pastured on: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current Horse owner? \_\_\_\_\_, # of years: \_\_\_\_\_

# of horses currently owned? \_\_\_\_\_

# of horses on this property? \_\_\_\_\_

If boarded out, Name of Stable or Boarding Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Boarding Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Boarding Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Boarding Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Is their shelter provided for the Horses? \_\_\_\_\_

# & Size of stalls in barn: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the Horse have a proper amount of time turned out? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe what purpose your adopted horse will serve in your lives: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe what type of horse that you are seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you saw any particular horse on our website that you are applying to adopt, please list that horses name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your riding/handling ability:

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Anything else we should know? \_\_\_\_\_

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	Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Would Consider
<b>Mare/Filly</b>			
<b>Gelding</b>			
<b>Weanling 6 mos-1 yr</b>			
<b>Youngster Age 1 – 4 years</b>			
<b>Mature Age 5 - 20 years</b>			
<b>Senior Age 20 + years</b>			
<b>½ Draft</b>			
<b>Donkey / Burro / Mule</b>			
<b>Pony</b>			

**Required level of care:**

The level of care of Adoption Horses should be the highest standards in the Industry. The horse must have all the annual shots, Spring and Fall, as well as maintain a current Coggins. Shots are to include Strangles, West Nile, Eastern/Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Rhino, and Influenza, and Rabies unless otherwise noted by your Veterinarian. The horse must be de-wormed by paste every 3 months rotating between types, unless otherwise noted by your vet.

**Adopter's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

The horse must have daily turnout of no less than 8 hours unless there is dangerous weather. A Vet is to be called for any illness and any serious injury. If diagnosis of injury or illness can not be treated due to financial reasons, horse must be returned to Florida Draft Horse Rescue immediately. The horse must be trimmed or shod by a qualified Farrier, going no

longer than every 8 weeks. Horses are to have their teeth checked annually, and floated if necessary. *Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

Each horse must receive the required daily feed allowance plus plenty of good quality grass or Hay. Each horse must be offered no less than 40 gallons of fresh water each day, either in buckets or in regularly cleaned out water troughs. A stagnant pond or creek is not an acceptable primary source of water. *Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

The adopter agrees not to work the horse beyond its physical limitations at any time or to put the horse in harms way at any time. *Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

The horse must have at least one acre of clear-cut pasture with some shade per horse. The horse must have at least a 3-sided shed in the paddock to block wind and bad weather. Preference is given to anyone that has an individual stall for each horse. Your Pasture must have acceptable fencing which is at least 4 feet high, in good condition and NO BARBED WIRE. We DO recommend a strand of hot wire or electric fencing. Variations in facility requirements depend on the horse, the region and the predominant weather. *Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter agrees and understands that **under no circumstances** is an adopted horse/s to be Sold, Auctioned, given away, sent to slaughter, or transferred to anyone else's care for any reason. If adopter can no longer care for such adopted horse/s adopter agrees to return adopted horse/s to Florida Draft Horse Rescue. The Adopted Horse can be returned to Florida Draft Horse Rescue at any time, regardless of reason, if you can no longer provide a loving, forever home. I am fully aware that if a horse is returned to Florida Draft Horse Rescue due to being surrendered by me or removal by them, I am personally responsible for ALL EXPENSES in regards to this including but not limited to: shipping, facility holds, emergency vet/farrier expenses during shipping hold or on arrival back to facility.

*Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

The Adopter agrees to contact Florida Draft Horse Rescue for the following reasons:

- 1) Prior to the horse being moved to another residence.
- 2) If Adopted Horse Dies.
- 3 )If Adopted Horse becomes seriously injured or ill.

*Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

It is advised that the adopter pay for a Vet Check if you have any questions prior to the horse departing Florida Draft Horse Rescue Facility. All costs upon departing and while away are to be paid by the Adopter, even return transportation. Florida Draft Horse Rescue is not responsible for any accidents or injuries either to the horse, adopter, or any other person, structure or animal. *Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Prohibited Uses: ADOPTER AGREES THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE ADOPTED ANIMAL BE USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES.**

*Adopter's Initials:* \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Disclosure and Release:** Adopter represents, warrants, and declares that Adopter is aware of the following in connection with his/her adoption of the Adopted Animal from Florida Draft Horse Rescue:

- A) That animals are different from human beings in their responses to human actions.
- B) That the actions of animals are often unpredictable
- C) That animals should be closely and carefully supervised when they are with or around children;
- D) That the Adopted Animal's behavior may change after it leaves Florida Draft Horse Rescue's premises.
- E) That animals in a new environment may act differently and Adopter will afford The adopted animal adequate time (at least 7 days) to acclimate to its new environment before being ridden, or starting training.
- F) That any statements made by Florida Draft Horse Rescue regarding the adopted animal, either orally or within this adoption agreement, are merely opinions and are made or given solely as a courtesy to those considering adopting an animal, and in no way amount to claims, representations or warranties as to the temperament, health, or mental disposition of the Adopted Animal or the suitability or safety of the Adopted Animal for Adopter's intended purposes.
- G) Adopter releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless Florida Draft Horse Rescue its agents or representatives from and against any and all claims, liens, damages, losses, and causes of action which may be asserted by Adopter and all third parties for injury or damage to all persons, property, or thing whatsoever caused directly or indirectly by the Adopted Animal.
- H) Adopter understands that the adoption requires payment made payable at the time of adoption and that only cash, money order, or bank wire can be accepted for payment on the adoption fee. Adopter also understands that none of the adoption fees are ever reimbursed, even if you decide you can't take the horse, regardless of reason.
- I) Adopter understands that he/she will be required to provide documentation on the mandatory check in periods of my adoption horse's coggins, vet records(mares are REQUIRED to be palpated), farrier records, current pictures, location, updates on training, current use, health, illnesses and injuries, information on horses progress.

**Adopters Initials as to subsections A through I:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Florida Draft Horse Rescue holds the right to recover the horse/s if ever abused, Abandoned, neglected, starved, bred, or mistreated, etc., in anyway. The adopter agrees to abide by the Required Level of Care, or the horse can and will be recovered by Florida Draft Horse Rescue at any time and without prior warning for the lifetime of the animal. I have read and understand the conditions of the Adoption Contract and agree to uphold the highest level of care for my Adopted Horse. I understand that Florida Draft Horse Rescue hold legal ownership of this adopted horse until such time I receive a transfer of ownership document. At which time a transfer of ownership document is received from Florida Draft Horse Rescue then and only then the legal ownership of this adopted horse will be complete. Until that time I understand that the adopted horse is the legal property of Florida Draft Horse Rescue.**

*I promise that this application is true and factual and I understand that any false statements can result in immediate removal of all the adoption horses from my facility and can also result in legal action against the adopter by Florida Draft Horse Rescue. and/or its legal representative. I understand that for this application to be considered the \$5 application fee must be enclosed. I have read the entire adoption application, and agree to abide by it in its entirety. I understand that if Florida Draft Horse Rescue has any questions or there are any discrepancies in my application that Florida Draft Horse Rescue may decide to do a formal background check that includes credit, work, residential and police checks and I agree to this.*

*Adopter's Initials* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Adopter* \_\_\_\_\_

*Today's Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do not write below this line-Office use only**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DOB(if known):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Horses Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adoption Fee** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Adoption**

**Was draft branded?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Registered?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Scars:** \_\_\_\_\_