

**H.O.U.R.S.E. VT PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Do you ( ) own ( )rent ( ) house ( ) apartment  
\_\_\_\_\_ If you rent, your landlord's phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about H.O.U.R.S.E. VT? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the goals and rules of H.O.U.R.S.E. VT? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever owned a horse before? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you own any now (how many)? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, what do you think it costs to own a horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you prepared to spend that amount and more if there is an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_

What means of support do you have to meet this financial responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_

What will happen to the horse if you move? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you intend to use the horse? ( ) ride ( ) drive ( ) pleasure ( ) compete ( ) 4-H or pony club ( ) other

Who will be caring for the horse? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you describe your horsemanship abilities? Please elaborate if you wish.

- ( ) complete novice (never ridden, never handled a horse)
- ( ) novice (rode occasionally, few or no lessons, can walk, trot)
- ( ) confident novice (rode regularly, took and understood lessons, can walk, trot, canter with control)
- ( ) intermediate (confident rider, can work without supervision, knows basic training & problem solving)
- ( ) seasoned veteran (confident, can train a horse to new levels, can teach others)

Usually, the horse will be saddle broken before adoption; but it is up to you to train him for riding. If you don't know how to do this, how will the horse be trained \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the shelter and turnouts you have available for a horse. (size, type, materials, etc.) **Include photos.** Also describe your fencing. Use the back or attach more paper if you like. \_\_\_\_\_

Horses need fresh water, free choice, 24 hours a day. What will you use for a water source?

Summer \_\_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_\_

Standardbreds come in all sizes, abilities, and personalities. What are your expectations? Please be very specific in what you want from your horse so that I can make a good match! \_\_\_\_\_

What size (SB are 14.2 to 16+ hands, usually 15h) \_\_\_\_\_ What sex? ( ) mare ( ) gelding

Horses require a full time commitment from you; much like a child. Do you feel you can provide the care the horse requires? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to learn what you don't know about horses so that both you and the horse would enjoy the relationship you will share? How would you learn? What will you do to help this horse improve themselves?

- ( ) Books & Magazines ( ) Lessons ( ) Videos ( ) Knowledgeable friend ( ) Join a club

Please list the name and number of a personal reference (unrelated to you) AND of your vet: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Head of Household (Parent or guardian if under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form with \$50 processing fee to be considered for adopting a horse and to be placed on the waiting list!

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