



# A PONY'S PARADISE

## EQUINE RESCUE

### Adoption Evaluation Procedures

All evaluations listed below combined, will determine if the potential adopter will be approved for adoption.

1. Application
2. Reference Checks
3. Home Check: To be performed by two board members for any facility in which the horse/pony will be kept. Home check criteria can be found on our website.
4. Adopters Interview: conversations that take place over the course of the adoption process.
5. Board Approval: All adoptions will be evaluated by the board. If there are multiple applications, the board will select the applicant that best matches the horse/pony in question. The board has the final say on all adoptions. The board may deny adoption to any applicant.

The board may request that the adopter meet additional requirements. These requirements are the responsibility of the adopter, but failure to comply may lead to a denial of the application.

Possible additional requirements:

- On farm trial period: The adopters will be asked to come down and work with the horse in question on the farm to evaluate the adopter's experience, and the match between the horse and adopter. During this time, the adopters can learn about the horse's/pony's needs, temperament, and personality and start building a relationship.
- Property alterations: If the board feels that the property is adequate if the adopter makes some changes, the board will give the adopter a list to comply with. A second home visit will then be required.
- Postponement of adoption: If the adopter's home situation appears to be in question, the board may ask to wait on the adoption to see if the situation may improve. This includes but not limited to: if the homeowners are considering moving, divorce or separation, unemployment, travel plans that will take adopter away for a long period of time, staffing issues, construction on property, health issues, and other financial difficulties.

6. **Contract**- All adoptions require a completed adoption contract.

7. **Adoption Fee**- The adoption fee must be payed to the rescue before the adoption can be finalized.

**All adoptions are not final until all evaluations are completed, board approval is received, an adoption contract is signed, and the adoption fee is payed.**

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