



# A PONY'S PARADISE

## — EQUINE RESCUE —

### Home Check Criteria

LOCATION REQUIREMENTS: These conditions must be met prior to the adoption of any horse/pony from A Pony's Paradise Equine Rescue.

Daily Care: Horses/ponies require **DAILY** care. Adopters must make evident how the horse/pony in question will receive the care they require. Examples include but are not limited to a boarding facility, staff, or self. The caretaker of the horse/pony in question will be evaluated.

Proper fencing- No part of the fence can be down, laying on the ground, or have gaps. Fencing may consist of wood, vinyl, or electric. No horse/pony will be adopted out to a farm with barbed wire fencing.

Water: Horses/ponies must always have access to clean water. A large enough trough or water source for the number of animals in a pasture must be present. We will evaluate the horse's/pony's *access* to that water and possibly the quality.

Feed- Not all horses/ponies need grain, but if the adopter is looking to adopt a horse/pony that requires grain or feed of any kind, the adopter must demonstrate how the feed will be kept safe from rodents, insects, and mold, as well as how it will be given.

Shelter- Horses/ponies who live outside must have a safe and secure location in which to retreat to from the weather. These shelters will be evaluated for their size and safety. Shelters must not be rotting, falling down, or contain hazards to the horses.

Pasture- Pasture must be provided for a horse/pony to be able to move freely. Pastures must not contain any equipment or materials that could be hazardous.

Hay: Horses/ponies must have access to fresh and unlimited hay to be able to keep their digestive systems healthy, if a pasture is not producing enough forage. In winter, when forage is low, hay is required. If the horse/pony is being stalled, hay is required. We may ask to see the hay and talk about hay requirements.

Grounds: The grounds of the farm will be taken into consideration. Hazards, including but not limited to equipment, garbage, vehicles, brush, road conditions, cleanliness and other buildings on site, will all be taken into consideration.

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS: If the situation warrants, the items below will also be considered in the adopter's home check.

Barn: A barn is not required to adopt. If the adopter plans on stalling the horse/pony in question, the barn must be of adequate size for horse/pony. The barn will be evaluated for hazards, safety, and condition and recommendations may be given. Stall bedding and cleaning schedule will also be discussed.

Ring: If the adopter plans on riding the horse/pony in question, the space in which will serve as a riding area will be evaluated for footing and safety.

Other Animals on Property: If the adopter owns any other animals, the board will take into consideration their health and care.

We will ask these questions:

- Do all the animals on property appear to be well cared for?
- Do the adopter's animals have access to food and water?
- Do the animals on the property receive adequate veterinary care?
- Do the animals on the property have their feet, teeth, worming, and vaccines taken care of? Care schedules and additional information may be requested.

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