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# ADOPTION AGREEMENT

This adoption agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement"), is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by Steph K Equestrian (hereinafter referred to as "SKE") and the "Adopter" listed below.

## I. Adopter Information:

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Adopted Animal Information:

The Adopter hereby agrees, pursuant and in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement, to adopt & provide care for the described horse/pony, which is currently owned by SKE.

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

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Marking(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Health History: \_\_\_\_\_

Farrier History: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. This contract is for the sale / adoption of the following horse by the Seller / Adoption Agency to the Buyer / Adopter for the following fee:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The adoption fee and/or any deposits made are non-refundable.
- B. The adoption fee must be paid in full before the animal is removed from SKE property.

**IV. The Adopter recognises that this is a limited ownership clause and by signing this Agreement he/she understands that following limitations apply:**

- A. The Adopter may at no time give away or sell the Adopted Animal
- B. The Adopter may at no time breed the Adopted Animal

**V. The Adopter recognises that they must maintain and care for the Adopted Animal at his/her own expense. Care standards include but are not limited to:**

- A. Providing proper quantities of quality feed
- B. Providing 24/7 access to forage, salt, and fresh, clean water.
- C. Providing an enclosure which:
  - 1. Safely contains the Adopted Animal
  - 2. Has maintained cleanliness
  - 3. Has a safe shelter
  - 4. Has enough room for the Adopted Animal to roam freely & meet their biological needs, including companionship with other animals
- D. Providing farrier care at a minimum of 10 week interval
- E. Providing veterinary care as needed, including but not limited to:
  - 1. Routine vaccines
  - 2. Parasite control
  - 3. Dental exams & floatation as needed
- F. SKE may, at any time, request proof that care standards are being met. If proof is not provided within five days then that is considered a breach of contract (see Section VI)

**VI. The Adopter agrees to never to subject the Adopted Animal to harsh treatment or excessive stress.**

- A. This includes, but is not limited to, use of forceful training methods - such as training with whips, spurs, sharp or harsh bits, flooding, or unnecessary restraint
- B. This includes, but is not limited to, pushing the horse into overly strenuous exercise - such as participating in racing events
- C. This includes, but is not limited to, allowing the horse to be trained by professionals who use harsh treatment or excessive stress

**VII. The Adopted Animal must never be involved in any breeding activities.**

- A. If the horse is a stallion, then this includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Never being left out with mare(s)
  - 2. Never be allowed to cover mare(s)
  - 3. Never undergoing collection training
  - 4. Never undergoing a collection procedure
  - 5. Never inseminating a mare
- B. If the horse is a mare, then this includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Never being left out with stallion(s)
  - 2. Never being allowed to be covered by stallion(s)
  - 3. Never being inseminated
  - 4. Never being used for embryo transfer
- C. If this term is breached, then any resulting foal must be surrendered to SKE's possession immediately.

**VIII. If for any reason the Adopter is unable or unwilling to care for the Adopted Animal as set forth in this Agreement, Adopter will immediately notify SKE and allow SKE to retain possession of the Adopted Animal.**

**IX. In the event of any breach of this Agreement, the Adopted Animal must be surrendered back into SKE's possession immediately. The Adopter agrees to pay any and all attorney's fees if legal action must be taken to enforce the terms of this Agreement.**

- A. The Adopter is responsible for any fees involved in transporting the horse back to SKE's care.
- B. If the Adopted Animal is or must be returned due to a breach in term VII, then the Adopted Animal and any resulting foal must be returned to SKE.

**X. The Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be subject to and shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Missouri. The parties hereto shall also consent to jurisdiction of the courts of Missouri for all purposes and for any disputes arising hereunder.**

**I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms of this Agreement.**

**Steph K Equestrian Representative:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopter:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_