

Equine Adoption Application

*Thank you for your interest in adopting an Equine through The Kentucky Humane Society (KHS).
To ensure that each of our horses finds a permanent and loving home, our application asks several
detailed questions that are necessary for the screening process.
All information will be kept completely confidential.*

The Kentucky Humane Society (KHS) requires photos showing, at a minimum; fencing, gates, pasture, a barn/shelter photo, and a photo showing the stall to be used for the adopted equine as well as any other equines owned by the applicant or housed on the property. KHS may ask for additional photos if details are unclear. All adopters must be 21 years of age or older.

Mail or email application and photos to:
Kentucky Humane Society (Attn: Equine C.A.R.E. Program)
horses@kyhumane.org
241 Steedly Drive, Louisville, KY 40214

Horse(s):

Name: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____ Microchip Number: _____

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Breed: _____ Microchip Number: _____

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Complete Address: _____

_____ County: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: _____

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Do you have any other pets or livestock? _____

Equine Experience:

Have you ever owned an equine before? If yes, how many and explain their uses?

What is your level of riding experience? _____

- Beginner**- Rider is new around horses. Comfortable riding at a walk.
- Advanced Beginner**- Comfortable at walk and trot, some experience with faster gaits.
- Intermediate**- Comfortable at all gaits, can handle horses that test rider.
- Advanced**- Comfortable handling difficult horses in various situations and environments.
- Very Advanced**- Has previous experience training horses or experience handling green horses.

What style of riding or driving do you practice? _____

How many equines do you currently own? _____

Facility or Boarding Information:

Will the horse be stabled on your property or boarded out? _____

If kept on your property:

of acres of pasture: _____ # of equines on this property: _____

If this property is located at a different address than above, please give address.

What type of shelter do you have for the equine? _____

If you have a barn, please give the number and size of stalls. _____

What type of fencing will the equine be kept behind? _____

If the equine is to be boarded on someone else's property:

Name of boarding stable: _____ Owner: _____

Address of stable: _____

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Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Have you boarded an equine at this facility before? _____

****Please note: due to a strong flight instinct, formerly feral horses must have solid and secure fencing (board, v-mesh, woven wire, etc.) and single strand wire or mesh is not appropriate.****

Other Questions:

Why do you want to adopt an equine from KHS?

Do you realize that it may cost \$2000-\$3000 or more per year to care for the adopted equine? (Feed, Vet, Farrier, Board...etc.) Yes _____ No _____

Will there be anyone helping you pay for the care of your equine? If so, explain who and why

Have you sold any equines in the past five years? _____ If so, why were they sold?

What breed/size/gender would you prefer? _____

****Please note: anyone interested in adopting an orphan foal must provide references that are qualified (Vet, Farrier, etc.) to assess whether or not you are experienced in properly caring for and handling a foal.**

For orphan foals only: Do you realize that it may cost \$600 or more per month on just milk replacer alone? Yes _____ No _____

For orphan foals only: Do you realize they must be fed every 3 to 4 hours, day and night for at least the first month of life? Yes _____ No _____

Will you accept a horse with a limitation? Please circle.

Lameness: None Slight Ride-able with Special Care
Behavioral: None Slight Needs Confident Handler Needs Retraining

Will you adopt a Companion (non-ridable) horse? _____

What type of horse do you wish to adopt? _____

- Experienced- Calm, gentle, and minimal handling issues. Could potentially be handled by child or beginner.

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- Inexperienced/Green- Has had inadequate training but has good manners and is willing to please.
- Untrained- Horse may never have been adequately handled or broke, or may be young.

For untrained horses: Do you plan to hire a trainer if you adopt a horse above your experience level?

No _____ If yes, Name of Trainer: _____ Phone number: _____

Please note: formerly feral horses can only be adopted by a trainer or an adopter that is willing to keep the adopted horse with a trainer until deemed appropriate for the adopter to take home.

References:

It is KHS's policy to call all references. This process can take several days depending on the availability of your references.

Please provide the name and phone number of two references (excluding relatives) that are experienced with equines and are also aware of your equine experience.

1. Name: _____

Daytime Number: _____ Evening Number: _____

2. Name: _____

Daytime Number: _____ Evening Number: _____

Please list the name and phone number of a veterinarian that has been to the facility in which the equine will be kept. The vet office must have you or your boarding facility as being a current client.

Your Veterinarian:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____ Address: _____

Your Farrier:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature of Applicant (written or e-signature)

Date