



## The Dorset Equine Rescue Inc.

P.O. Box 92  
East Dorset, VT 05253  
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dorsetequinerescue.org

Thank you for your interest in adopting an equine from The Dorset Equine Rescue Inc. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming abused, neglected and slaughter-bound equines. We provide equine rescue regardless of age or disability. Please be sure to read our Adoption Requirements and Adoption Process both found on our website before submitting your application.

All adoption fees are put back into The Dorset Equine Rescue and help support the current rescue horses at our facility. Once the adoption fee has been set, we will not take less than the offered price. Please keep in mind that we typically invest far more into each horse than what we can adopt a horse for. Fees are based upon the horse's age, abilities and amount of training. The adoption fee is due and must be paid, when adopter is approved and has agreed to adopt said horse(s). We do not accept payment plans.

Please keep in mind that when you are adopting a rescue horse, you are making a commitment for the remainder of its life. Horses that are treated properly can live to be 35 years of age or older. Our goal is to find each rescued horse a compatible and loving forever home.

All adoption applications are reviewed on a first come, first served bases. We have the right to deny your application for any reason. This includes if we feel the horse and adopter are not a good fit, and/or if the requirements are not met. Please fill out the attached Adoption Application and return it as soon as possible. Once we review your application, we will contact you to talk in more detail about the horse(s). If we have a horse that sounds like a good fit for both you and the horse, we will set up a time for you to come and visit. Once a match is made, we will call your references and schedule the barn check. Please contact your veterinarian and give authorization to speak with us as a reference. We appreciate your interest in adopting an equine from The Dorset Equine Rescue and look forward to working with you.

Thank you,

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## Adoption Application

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Must be 18 years or older to adopt without a parent.

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

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employment Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Farrier Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of Animal Cruelty?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the horse to be stabled on your property or boarded out? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres the horse will be pastured on: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of horses on this property (including boarders): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current horse owner?  Yes  No If yes, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

How many horses do you currently own? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, have you owned a horse in the past? \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

If boarded out, name of stable or boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of owner of boarding facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there shelter provided for the horses? \_\_\_\_\_

Number & size of stalls and/or run-in shed: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of time turned out? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you looking to adopt a riding horse or a retired pasture companion? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe what purpose your adopted horse will serve in your lives: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe the type of horse you are seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the horse's name that you are applying to adopt (a current list of our available horses can be found on our website)? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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