

Galloping Angels Rescue and Sanctuary

Inspection Policy

Policy

It is the policy of Galloping Angels Rescue and Sanctuary (GARS) to inspect Adoptive Homes and to conduct follow-up visits on all adopted minis.

Procedures

GARS will use approved volunteer Inspectors to conduct Inspections of Pre-Placement Adoptive Homes and follow-up visits per GARS Adoption Policy.

Inspection frequency:

- A pre-Placement Inspection will be conducted before any minis are moved to the Adoptive Home.
- A follow-up Inspection will be conducted approximately one month after each adopted mini has moved to the Adoptive Home.
- Two more follow-up Inspections will be conducted at 6 months and 12 months after adoption.

The Inspector will be provided with an Inspection Worksheet to conduct initial Inspections and Follow-up Worksheets for follow-up visits. For follow-up visits the Inspector will be provided the initial and follow-up Inspection Worksheets for reference purposes. The Inspector **should not** take the previous Inspection Worksheet(s) with him or her when performing an Inspection. These worksheets are confidential and should not be shown to the inspected Adoptive Home or to anyone else.

The Inspectors will also be given contact information for the Adoptive or Foster Home to enable them to schedule the visits at a time convenient for the Inspector and Homeowner. If at all possible, Inspections should be completed within two weeks of the applicant being contacted by the Inspector.

It is the responsibility of the Inspector to assess whether all animals on the property are properly cared for and that all fencing and shelters are safe and adequate for the mini to be adopted. Any concerns an Inspector may have should be documented in detail. Such concerns may be discussed with the applicant at the time of Inspection. The Inspector will also be responsible for taking photographs as specified on the Worksheet at each visit.

If the mini will be boarded, the Inspector will talk to the owner of the facility where the mini will be boarded and provide them the contact information for GARS. The facility owner will also be notified that the mini will be owned by GARS. If the Adopter does not pay their bill or in any other way abandons the mini, GARS is to be notified within two (2) weeks of any notice of non-payment of bills.

When inspecting the property the Inspector should look for the following items:

- Barn with turnout or pasture with shelter (natural shelter such as trees are allowed).
- Water troughs or individual water sources with clean water.
- Individual buckets or pans from which to eat grain.

The following items or situations are deemed unsafe and will not be allowed where rescue horses are kept:

- Barbed wire as the sole fencing source. (Barbed wire will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be approved at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.)
- Group feedings of grain in buckets, pans or troughs; however, group feeding of hay is acceptable.
- Creeks or ponds should not be the sole water sources as they may dry up under drier weather conditions.

Upon completion of an Inspection or followup visit, the Inspector shall submit the Inspection Worksheet within two. Photographs should also be submitted via email. Email address and postal address will be indicated on the Inspection Worksheet

Final approval of an Adoptive Homes will be at the sole discretion of Veneta Tichy and/or the Board of Directors.

Any concerns about an Inspection or follow-up visit, as noted by the Inspector, will be discussed with the Board of Directors to seek a resolution.

The Adoptive Home will be notified of the Board's decision. If an applicant fails their first Inspection, GARS will discuss their findings with the Adoptive applicant and they will have the opportunity to correct any deficiencies as specified in the Adoptive policies (see above).