



# Galloping Angels Rescue and Sanctuary

GARS, a 501.C Nonprofit, specializes in Small Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation

## Adoption Contract

This agreement is made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_, hereafter referred to as 'Adopter" and GALLOPING ANGELS RESCUE AND SANCTUARY hereafter referred to as GARS.

GARS owns equine number GARS-\_\_\_\_\_, named \_\_\_\_\_. The equine is registered with \_\_\_\_\_ registration number \_\_\_\_\_. This equine is \_\_\_\_\_ (color) with the following markings: \_\_\_\_\_

The Adopter wishes to adopt the above described equine and agrees to the following conditions:

- The Adopter agrees to pay GARS the adoption donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- GARS will retain ownership of the above described equine for a period of one year.
- During the above noted one year, the Adopter will be financially responsible for all expenses incurred by the above described equine.
- During the above noted one year, GARS will make site visits to check on the health, care, environment, and well being of the above described equine per the GARS Inspection Policy. Further site visits may be scheduled if GARS deems them necessary.
- The Adopter agrees to allow a representative of GARS access to the equine and its home for purposes of site visits with 24 hours notice.
- The Adopter agrees to release the above described equine to the representative of GARS if that representative has found that the equine is not being adequately cared for.
- The Adopter agrees to provide adequate food, water, shelter, worming, hoof care, and veterinary care to the above described equine for the duration of the equine's life.
- The Adopter agrees to have a qualified veterinarian provide a health certificate and GARS Equine Veterinary Approval Form to GARS approximately one year after adoption of the above described equine.
- The Adopter agrees to never sell, give away, lease, or send to slaughter the above described equine for the duration of its life. If the Adopter can no longer care for the equine or no longer wishes to keep the equine any time in its life, the Adopter must return the equine to GARS. If the Adopter violates this, the Adopter agrees that a value of \$5,000 has been placed on the equine and that the Adopter may be held liable for the value of the equine and any costs incurred by GARS when trying to recover the equine.
- The Adopter agrees never to breed the above described equine for the duration of the equine's life. If the above described equine is bred, the resulting offspring of the above described equine automatically becomes property of GARS and may be confiscated once it is old enough to be weaned.

- The Adopter agrees to not hold GARS responsible for any veterinary care or other expenses incurred by the equine after the adoption contract is signed.
- The Adopter agrees to provide written notice to GARS when the above described equine dies.
- The Adopter agrees to provide written notice of any change of location of the above described equine for the duration of equine’s life.
- The Adopter agrees to provide written notice of any changes in his or her residence or contact information.
- The Adopter agrees to allow representatives of GARS to visit and check on the above described equine throughout the equine’s life.
- GARS will not be responsible for any damages or injuries caused by the above described equine.
- If the Adopter dies either before or after the one year period has passed, his or her family will be allowed to keep the Equine providing they are able and willing to provide a home for the Equine.
- The Adopters agrees to complete the Adoption Finalization paperwork within thirty (30) days of receiving this paperwork or to request, in writing, a deadline extension. If this paperwork is not returned within thirty (30) days, GARS will assume the Adopter does not wish to continue the adoption process and will make arrangements to remove the equine from the Adopter’s care.
- GARS agrees to turn ownership (including registration papers if they are in possession of GARS) over to the Adopter one year after the date of this contract providing the above conditions of this contract have been met.
- This contract may be altered or amended only upon written agreement of the Adopter and GARS
- The adopter agrees not to hold GALLOPING ANGELS RESCUE AND SANCTUARY liable in the event of injury, death, or damage to any human, animal, or property as a result of activities or actions of the equine. The adopter agrees to assume all liability associated with the equine.
- The Adopter has read, understands, and will heed the following warning:  

WARNING: AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.
- This contract and all of its provisions shall bind the heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and assigns of the parties hereto.
- If any portion of this contract is held to be invalid or unenforceable, all other portions shall continue in full force.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative of GARS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<b>How did you hear about GARS?</b>	
A friend (name so we can thank this person) _____	GARS Website _____
Other _____	