



Application for adoption – Rimrock Humane Society

Please fill this out as completely as possible and return by e-mail or postal mail to:

Rimrock Humane Society, P.O. Box 834, Roundup, MT 59072

or e-mail to:

schurch@rimrockhumanesociety.org

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your application. It is of primary importance to us that we match you and the prospective horse as carefully as possible; you will be entering into a relationship for the rest of this animal's life. Horses/mules/donkeys live a long time. Our application process is extensive and may take a few weeks. We want to ensure that our residents will be well cared for the rest of their lives in their forever homes. Thank you for your patience with this process.

If you need more room, please use a separate sheet of paper.

In order to be considered as an adopter you must be:

- 18 years old or be applying with a parent or guardian
- Allow a Rimrock Humane Society representative to inspect your horse facility
- If renting, have your landlord's written consent
- Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary for training, veterinary treatment and proper hygiene for your horse/mule/donkey.
- Provide Rimrock Humane Society with a letter of reference or phone call from your equine veterinarian. If this will be your first horse, please find your horse vet of choice, meet with him or her and ask them to submit a letter to us stating that the two of you have begun a working relationship.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. Your Name _____
2. Address _____
3. City _____ State _____ Zip _____
4. Driver's License # _____
5. E-mail address _____
6. Home phone _____ Work phone _____
7. Cell phone _____
8. Employed by _____ Address _____

9. How long have you been employed by current employer? _____
10. Your occupation _____
11. Other adults in household _____
12. Number of children in household _____ Ages _____
13. Length of time at current address _____ Own ___ Rent___ Live with owner ___ Other ___
14. If renting, landlord's name _____ phone number _____
15. Have you (or any family members living with you) ever been charged with or convicted of animal abuse or neglect? _____ Have you (or any family members living with you) ever been charged with or convicted of domestic abuse? _____
16. Please provide us with the name/phone number and physical addresses of 3 references who are familiar with you as a horse owner and/or rider:
- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
17. If the horse/mule/donkey will be living somewhere other than the address listed above, please provide that address, name of facility, owner of facility, phone number.
- _____
- _____
18. Who is or will be your veterinarian? _____ Phone _____
19. Who is or will be your horse shoer? _____ Phone _____
20. Have you ever owned a horse, mule or donkey? _____ If yes, for how many years? _____
21. If yes to 20, how did each of those horses/mules/donkeys leave you? By sale? Given away? Death?
- Please list each one and how they left you. Please use a separate sheet of paper if you need more room.
- _____
- _____
22. Have you ever sold any of your horses/donkeys/mules/ponies through a stockyard or auction? _____

23. If yes to 22, when? how many? _____
24. Have you ever sent a horse, mule, donkey, pony directly to slaughter? _____ If yes, when how many? _____
25. I wish to adopt (name of sanctuary resident) _____
26. I want to adopt to resident because _____

27. Please describe your experience with training, caring for, handling and riding horses/ mules/ donkeys. _____

28. I want the following personality traits in a horse/mule/donkey friend: Sweet Independent Spirited Smart Quiet Calm Affectionate Other _____
29. When I relate to horses/mules/donkeys I tend to be: 1.) Dominating – I need to always be in control of what the horse is doing. 2) Lenient - the horse gets a treat because a previously rescued horse needs extra love and attention. 3) It varies - I adjust to the situation at hand. 4) Other _____
30. Tell us about where your horse/mule/donkey will live (be specific about size of enclosure, fencing, etc.) _____

31. Horse behaviors I cannot tolerate are: _____
32. Have you ever bred one of your horses? _____ Do you have a stallion(s) on your facility? _____
33. Will your horse live in the same pasture or enclosure with other horses? _____ If yes, what age/gender? _____
34. Will your new horse/mule/donkey have a separate enclosure initially to allow him/her time to get acquainted with future pasture mates? _____ How long? _____
35. What will you use this horse/mule/donkey for? _____

36. If this horse/mule/donkey becomes permanently lame or for some reason not rideable, what will you do with him/her? _____
37. How long do you plan to keep this horse/mule/donkey? _____
38. What care do you provide your horse/mule/donkey when you are out of town?

39. What source of water will your horse/donkey/mule be drinking? Is it always available? How is it kept open in winter? _____
40. Will your horse/donkey/mule be kept in the same enclosure year-round? _____ If not, please give details: _____
- Will your horse/donkey/mule be turned out on rangeland? _____ If so, how many acres? _____
- Which months of the year? _____
41. How much time do you plan to spend with this horse/mule/donkey per week? _____
42. If your horse/mule/donkey becomes ill, are you willing to give it extensive care? _____
43. If you move, will you take your horse/mule/donkey with you? _____
44. Have you ever applied to adopt a horse from Rimrock Humane Society before? _____
45. If yes, when? _____
46. What provisions will you make for the horse/mule/donkey should you become unable to care for it?

47. Who will feed this horse/mule/donkey? _____
48. Are the other family members or friends who live with you in agreement with this potential adoption?
_____. If no, why not? _____
49. How many times a day will it be fed? _____ At what time will it be fed? _____
50. What type of hay will you provide? _____
51. How much hay will you feed each day? _____
52. Where do you store your hay? _____
53. Do you already have hay specifically for this animal? _____ How many tons? _____

54. What other feeds or supplements (if any) do you plan to give?

55. Will your horse/mule/donkey have access to pasture? _____

56. Have you ascertained that your pasture is free of weeds that may be poisonous to horses/mules/donkeys?

57. Please provide a one-year budget for your horse/mule/donkey. Be as complete as possible. (Use a separate sheet of paper).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the undersigned, understand I am applying to adopt/foster a horse/mule/donkey from Rimrock Humane Society (hereinafter referred to as RHS). I understand that I must complete the application procedure and have the equine property or boarding facility inspected and approved before being allowed to adopt from RHS. I understand that my application will be voted on by the RHS board of directors at the earliest possible date and that I may not be able to adopt the resident I am interested in for various reasons. In addition, I understand that RHS may perform a background check to verify my personal information as well as check for any criminal convictions. I understand that if I adopt an RHS resident I will be subject to follow up visits by an RHS representative. I also understand that I may never sell, give away, lease out, send to slaughter, etc. the horse/mule/donkey I adopt. I understand that Rimrock Humane Society is willing to take back a horse/mule/donkey that I adopt if I find that I cannot relate to this animal or can no longer care for it.

By signing this application, I agree RHS is not liable in the event of injury, death or damage to any human, animal or property as a result of activities or actions of the horse/mule/donkey I adopt. In addition, I, the undersigned, have read and understand the following. I have reviewed the health/veterinary record kept by RHS about this horse/mule/donkey. I understand I may have a veterinarian of my choice examine this horse/mule/donkey at my expense and I understand any health issues my veterinarian has diagnosed.

To the best of my knowledge all information supplied in this application is true and correct.

Signature/date