

Dancing Cloud Farm Horse Rescue, Inc.

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FOSTER/ADOPTION APPLICATION

All adoptive/foster homes **must** be members of Dancing Cloud Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. DCFHR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please make check payable to: Dancing Cloud Farm Horse Rescue, Inc., and return to the above address. Your cancelled check is your receipt. A copy of the Membership Application is on the last page of this application packet.

Thank you for your interest in helping the horses.

If you are not a member of DCFHR, please complete a membership application and mail it to the above address.

- Horses will be placed in the home most suitable for each individual horse.
- **We seeking permanent adoptive homes where these horses can live for the remainder of their lives. Horses may not be used for breeding, be sold or given away.**
- DCFHR retains ownership rights to the fostered/adopted horses. **In the event that the placement does not work out for any reason, the adopted horse must be returned to DCFHR.**
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Adoptive home requirements:

- Adoption to private homes is preferred as is a natural environment where the horse will be with other horses.
- Prospective homes must have grass pasture, where horses will be turned out in a natural environment.
- All DCFHR horses will be "barefoot," and we are looking for places where they can stay barefoot.
- Horses should be stalled only for inclement weather but should have free choice shelter.
- Preference will be given to homes with 5 or more acres of turnout area.
- Horse appropriate fencing; board or electric fencing is preferred.
- All green broke, untrained, and unstarted horses require an experienced horse trainer with a background of training horses, preferably in natural horsemanship.
- For the rideable horse, preference will be given to homes practicing natural horsemanship.
- Horses are suitable for one rider only, not multiple riders (riding double).
- Potential adopters will need to come to the DCFHR farm to work with the horse and demonstrate his/her abilities. If necessary, we will work with you and the horses here at the farm over a period of time.

A completed application including photographs must be received by DCFHR before any specific horse can be considered for the applicant.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Vet Name: _____ Phone: _____

Farrier Name: _____ Phone: _____

Trainer Name: _____ Phone: _____

Height and weight of person/people who will be riding: _____

Please answer the following questions honestly and to the best of your knowledge:

1. Have you ever been responsible for the care of a horse or pony before? Describe how long and your experience with caring for a horse or pony.

2. Will the horse be kept on your property? How many acres will it have as pasture area?

3. What type of animal companion will the horse have?

4. Describe the shelter the horse will have.

5. What type of fencing encloses the turnout area? (Please include size of turn-out area.)

6. How long will the horse be turned out for each day? _____

7. Specifically, who will be responsible for daily care? _____

8. What type of hay and grain will you provide?

9. How is your grain stored?

10. How much water will your horse need daily? _____

11. How often will your adopted horse have a farrier trim? _____

12. How often will you have your horse's teeth floated? _____

13. Describe the area/situation in which you would feed two or more horses turned out together?

14. List the signs of colic, and what you would do if you saw these signs.

- for ADOPTIONS only -

15. Please describe in detail the horse you are looking for, the style and type of riding you will do, your experience and the amount of work the horse would receive.

16. How many hours each week do you plan on spending with the horse? _____

17. What are your long-term plans for the adopted horse?

18. Do you have any interest in or experience in natural horsemanship?

Please submit photographs of:

- The facility where the horse will be kept
- Turnout, pasture
- Fences
- Water sources
- Barn
- Shelter
- Photos of currently owned horses and/or dogs

- for FOSTER HOMES only -

The following questions will help determine what type of animal you would prefer to foster. Please complete the following information. Feel free to put any concerns or stipulations you have.

Which of the following would you be willing to foster?

Horse _____ Pony _____ Donkey _____ Mule _____ Miniature _____

How many fosters could you hold on a regular basis? _____ In an emergency? _____

Would you be willing to foster . . .

An equine that DCFHS has no background information on? Yes _____ No _____

A horse with health issues? Yes _____ No _____

An untrained horse? Yes _____ No _____

An older horse? Yes _____ No _____

A horse too young to ride? Yes _____ No _____

A stallion or newly gelded animal? Yes _____ No _____

An equine that cannot be ridden for any reason? Yes _____ No _____

A mare that is in foal? (If yes, please give foaling experience you have had.)

An equine with serious hoof problems, such as founder? Yes _____ No _____

- REFERENCE INFORMATION -

The required references are: Veterinarian, Equine Professional (this may be a trainer, farrier, etc...) and personal (no relation). These must be three (3) separate people. Please let your references know that we will be calling them to ask them a few questions.

Please complete the following information for your references:

*Veterinarian Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____

** This is your vet or who will become your veterinarian:*

Equine Professional Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____

Personal Reference Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____

I, the undersigned, understand I am applying to foster/adopt equines from Dancing Cloud Farm Horse Rescue, Inc., hereinafter referred to as DCFHR. I also understand that I must complete the application process and my home (or boarding facility) must be approved before being allowed to adopt/foster any equine from DCFHR. I understand that I may not be able to foster/adopt the equine I want for various reasons.

I agree and understand that DCFHR reserves the right to request a background check, including criminal records, to verify personal information.

By signing this foster/adoption home application, I agree that I have read and understand the fostering/adoption policies of DCFHR. I agree that I will submit a completed fostering or adoption application packet and must have approval from an officer of DCFHR before I am allowed to foster or adopt an equine.

If fostering for DCFHR I also understand that I am responsible for daily care of the equine(s) I foster, including (but not limited to) cost of grain and hay, wormer, farrier work, and other costs incurred in routine care of the equine. Dancing Cloud Farm Horse Rescue, Inc., will be responsible for vet care of the equine(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Procedures Policy unless injury to the equine is caused by my neglect or actions.

If adopting from DCFHR I agree that I will never sell, give away, lease out, send to slaughter, or otherwise remove any equine I have adopted. If at any time I am unable to take care of an adopted equine, I will return the equine to DCFHR immediately. If the adopted equine dies, I will contact DCFHR to notify them of the event and reasons.

I also understand that I may never use any adopted equine for breeding purposes for any reason.

By signing this application, I agree not to hold Dancing Cloud Farm Horse Rescue, Inc., 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 I adopt or foster.

In addition, I, the undersigned, have read and understand the following warning:

WARNING

UNDER GEORGIA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR 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, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED.

Applicant

Date

Applicant (if Joint request with spouse)

Date

Approving Official

Date