

Application for adoption – Montana Horse Sanctuary

Dear Applicant:

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.

Please fill out this application as completely as possible. 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 Montana Horse Sanctuary 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 Montana Horse Sanctuary 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 _____
4. Zip _____
5. Driver's License # _____
6. E-mail address _____
7. Home phone _____ Work phone _____
8. Cell phone _____
9. Employed by _____ Address _____
10. How long have you been employed by current employer? _____
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 personal 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 to 23, for how many years?

21. If yes to 23, how did those horses/mules/donkeys leave you? By sale? Given away? Death? Please give details.

22. I wish to adopt (name of sanctuary resident) _____

23. I want to adopt to resident because _____

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

donkeys. _____

25. I want the following personality traits in a horse/mule/donkey friend: Sweet Independent Spirited
Smart Quiet Calm Affectionate Other _____

26. 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 _____

27. Tell us about where your horse/mule/donkey will live (be specific about size of enclosure, fencing,
etc.) _____

28. Horse behaviors I cannot tolerate are: _____

29. Have you ever bred one of your horses? _____ Do you have a stallion(s) on your facility? _____

30. Will your horse live in the same pasture or enclosure with other horses? _____ If yes, what age/
gender? _____

31. 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? _____

32. What will you use this horse/mule/donkey for? _____

33. If this horse/mule/donkey becomes permanently lame or for some reason not rideable, what will you do
with him/her? _____

34. How long do you plan to keep this horse/mule/donkey? _____

35. What care do you provide your horse/mule/donkey when you are out of town?

36. What source of water will your horse/donkey/mule be drinking? Is it always available? How is it kept open in winter? _____
37. 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? _____
38. How much time do you plan to spend with this horse/mule/donkey per week? _____
39. If your horse/mule/donkey becomes ill, are you willing to give it extensive care? _____
40. If you move, will you take your horse/mule/donkey with you? _____
41. Have you ever applied to adopt a horse from Montana Horse Sanctuary before? _____
42. If yes, when? _____
43. What provisions will you make for the horse/mule/donkey should you become unable to care for it?

44. Who will feed this horse/mule/donkey? _____
45. Are the other family members or friends who live with you in agreement with this potential adoption?
_____. If no, why not? _____
46. How many times a day will it be fed? _____ At what time will it be fed?

47. What type of hay will you provide? _____
48. How much hay will you feed each day? _____
49. Where do you store your hay? _____
50. Do you already have hay specifically for this animal? _____ How many tons? _____
51. What other feeds or supplements (if any) do you plan to give?

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

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

54. 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 Montana Horse Sanctuary (hereinafter referred to as MHS). 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 MHS. I understand that my application will be voted on by the MHS 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 MHS 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 MHS resident I will be subject to follow up visits by an MHS 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 Montana Horse Sanctuary 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 MHS 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 MHS 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