

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ADOPTION

TMR RESCUE, INC

9977 County Road 302

Plantersville, TX 77363

This is to provide details of the requirements that are considered necessary to ensure the well-being of the equine that are being cared for as part of the TMR Rescue, Inc. program. Please, initial each page.

### THE DONKEYS:

Donkeys are very social and highly intelligent animals that form deep bonds. Therefore, we require that our donkeys go to adoptive homes in pairs, unless the adoption caregiver already has equine where the donkey will be living. We will not break up bonded pairs. Donkeys have often been mischaracterized as stubborn and mean. Their intelligence and high self-preservation instinct is the reason for these mischaracterizations. Donkeys “balk” when they are faced with new situations that they need to “analyze” to decide if it is safe to do what you are asking them to do. Donkeys need time to think these situations through. The biggest mistake new donkey owners make is to get in a hurry. You are on donkey time. Let them think, ask again and wait. Reward good behavior. Donkeys also must learn to move away from pressure. Unlike their horse counterparts, they are not reactive. They stop and analyze each new situation.

### THE MULES:

Mules require a special kind of owner. Mules are highly intelligent and very emotional. As a rescue, we cannot afford the necessary training to get your mule ready for trails, but we will have your mule halter trained and willing to have their hooves picked up. It is up to you to pick a trainer who trains with consistent fairness. Your mule will not do well with you if you are not consistent, fair and ready to allow your mule to accept what is asked rather than being forced to accept what is asked. Look for trainers who specialize in mule training and ask for references. It is very important that your mule gets the right treatment in training from the beginning. Mules will protect their partners if they are trained without intimidation.

### THE HORSES:

We have some really beautiful and worthy horses at Texas Miracle Ranch (TMR Rescue, inc.,) which need further training to make them into horses that will perform for you. We will only

promise that our horses are halter trained and willing to have their hooves picked up. Although many who arrive here are stated to have been under saddle, we have not tested the veracity of these statements. It is up to you to choose a trainer who will train your horse to the discipline that suits the horse and rider.

#### **OWNERSHIP:**

We require that applicants who want to adopt our equine sign an agreement stating that they will care for TMR Rescue, Inc.'s donkeys, mules and horses consistent to proper care of an equine as outlined here.

The adopter will also allow TMR Rescue, Inc. access to check on our equine when reasonably notified, by TMR Rescue, Inc. Keeping us updated with photos is always welcome, and we love to share stories about your adoption journey on our facebook page. Please, show your support and like our page. If you do not want to have your photos featured we will honor your wishes.

The adopter will agree to ask for advice on questions of care, and will surrender their adopted equine back to TMR Rescue, Inc. if they can no longer properly care for them.

The applicant will agree to a donation of \$300.00 for each standard donkey they adopt, miniatures are a \$400.00 donation while mules and horses are a \$750.00 donation. We do have a few registered horses and mammoth donkeys who will require a \$1,500. donation. In addition, each equine will need to have blood drawn for a coggins which is required by Texas law, for equine leaving one property and going to another. This cost is \$38.00 and must be paid prior to the veterinarian being called for a farm call. While the veterinarian is here pulling blood, we have him/her give a West Nile vaccination, a physical exam and float their teeth if needed.

For this, you get an equine that has had veterinary care for the entire time they have lived with us at TMR Rescue, Inc. We make sure their teeth are checked by our veterinarian and floated, if needed, before they go to their new home. We make sure their hooves are freshly trimmed and we provide a new halter to go with them when they leave to live at their new home. You will need to have a lead rope ready when we arrive. All of the funds we receive through the adoption process are tax deductible. We send a letter at the end of the year that you can use for your taxes. All of these funds go to support our ongoing rescue efforts.

#### **COSTS:**

Once in their new home, all costs relating to your adopted equine including feed, bedding, dental, farrier and other veterinary care will be the responsibility of the adoptive caregiver.

## **PASTURE:**

We recommend that you have at least .5 acres of safe grazing area or a large area for turn out per adopted equine. A constant supply of clean drinking water is also essential.

External perimeter fencing must be permanent, safe, secure and well maintained.

Poisonous plants, shrubs, and trees must be removed or fenced off, and fruit trees may need to be fenced off when they are in season.

## **Stable or Shelter:**

Your adopted equine must have access to permanent shelter at all times and it must be of sufficient size to accommodate all of the equine under the care of the adopter caregiver.

The design and construction of the stable should protect from wind, rain, sun and flies.

## **MANAGEMENT:**

Adopter caregivers need to spend sufficient time with their equine to assure that they gain and maintain trust and sociability.

Your equine should be checked twice daily. Keep an eye on their weight and look for any possible injuries or illness. Included in this routine should be grooming, picking out feet and mucking stables.

Any advice needed to provide your equine with the best care possible can be obtained by contacting Marjorie Farabee at: [donkeys.can.do@gmail.com](mailto:donkeys.can.do@gmail.com) (preferred contact method), 281 235 5288 cell, 936 894 9529, home, 936 894 2867 ranch.

Please contact TMR Rescue, Inc., equine manager, Marjorie Farabee concerning any changes in circumstances that may have an effect on the welfare of your equine.

Adoptive owners are advised that, in the event of donkeys being moved for any reason (however temporary) from the place where they are normally kept, the adoptive owners must obtain a coggins test on their donkey and inform TMR Rescue, Inc. of the whereabouts of the donkeys and their expected date of return. Coggins tests are good for one year in Texas.

Once again, please do not hesitate to call Marjorie Farabee if you have any questions about the care of your adoptive equine. We will be glad to help you. Please consider setting up a time when we can demonstrate to you any aspect of equine care that troubles you. We are happy to help.

**Rule number one: Form a relationship with your equine that is based on trust, consistency, and fairness. Be patient with your equine as they think through what you are asking them to do, and you will find that they do try to please you. They just need time to assess what it is you are asking. This is especially true of donkeys and mules. Their intelligence causes them to be accused of being stubborn when the reality is that they are trying to think through the proper response to your request. Horses are much more reactive.**

**Don't get in a hurry!**

**Absolutely NO BREEDING IS PERMITTED.**

**In the unlikely event of a foal being born to an adopted equine, the foal will be owned by TMR Rescue, Inc. We will determine the best management for the foal's wellbeing. In most cases, that will be to stay with their mothers after they are weaned. Adopted equine may not be used for promotional or commercial activities without prior consent from TMR Rescue, Inc.**

**HEALTH CARE:**

**TMR Rescue, Inc. needs a list of your veterinarian, and farrier prior to delivery of your adopted equine.**

**We can assist to find an appropriate professional in any of the above named fields if the foster does not have their own already.**

**Equine hooves must be well maintained and generally require trimming every 6 to 10 weeks by a professional.**

**Parasite control is very important. You can gain guidance on what, when and how much to give your donkeys to control parasites by following your veterinarian guidelines.**

**Have your veterinarian check your equine's teeth to see if they need to be "floated". Having healthy teeth and keeping parasites under control will go a long way toward keeping your equine healthy.**

**Vaccinations for west nile, flu, rabies, and tetanus need to be maintained but should be administered at least 30 days apart and when the equine is not under stress from heat or illness. Despite recommendations by the medical community to vaccinate every year, we believe that tetanus and rabies do not need to be injected every year. The safest approach is through the use of "titer" tests which measure the level of antigens to tetanus and rabies in the system of your equine. Or, look at redoing these vaccines every five years.**

**Please keep a record of all care provided to your equine.**

**DEATH OF AN ADOPTED EQUINE:**

**Immediately notify TMR Rescue, Inc. should your adopted donkey, mule or horse die or need to be euthanized for merciful reasons.** Should we ask to do a welfare check on your equine, and the equine is no longer on the premises and their absence has not been reported to TMR Rescue, Inc. or documented as a death by your veterinarian, TMR Rescue, Inc. has the right to be reimbursed \$2,500.00 for the loss of the donkey. This provision is in place to assure us that our donkeys, mules and horses are not sold or given away. In some circumstances a post mortem may be required to determine the cause of death. Euthanasia must be carried out by a qualified veterinarian and must be necessary to end the suffering of a fatally injured or mortally ill equine. TMR Rescue, Inc. must be notified immediately of the need to euthanize one of our equine.

This contract is an agreement that your adopted TMR equine will not to be given away or sold. Your adopted equine must receive proper care. If the adopter can no longer provide care as outlined above, we require that the adopted equine be returned to TMR Rescue, Inc.

If the death of an equine leaves a companion equine alone, we can either bring that equine back to the rescue, or arrange to bring a friend to the grieving donkey, mule or horse for comfort.

Enjoy the companionship your equine will provide, and do not hesitate to call if you have a question about their care.

The undersigned agrees to the terms of this contract, entered into this day \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Adopter name, address and phone number (please print)

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Signature

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