

## Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue ADOPTION POLICY



Our primary objective here at L.H.P.R is to re-home the horses and ponies that pass through our gate into suitable, caring and loving homes. These equines in many cases have been fully rehabilitated. **We will only rehome to premises that have an Equine Premises Registration Number (issued by Department of Agriculture).**

We encourage all horse lovers to consider the option of rehoming a horse or pony from our facility. It is always a hugely rewarding experience. More than ever, we need long term homes for our horses and ponies. If you are in a position to give a loving home to one of our beautiful rescues, do get in touch by filling out our loan home application form.

**We only accept applications of permanent and forever homes.**

**If you cannot accommodate the equine when you or your child transitions to a larger pony/horse, please do not apply as your application will be rejected.**

The rehoming process at L.H.P.R is quick and easy. If you are filling in this form you have already completed the first parts of the process which was the online questionnaire and the meet and greet/riding assessment. Now this form is the second part of the process. If this form is approved and both parties agree to continue with the adoption process, then the next step is a the home check. If the home check is passed there is just one more step... The exciting part – taking your friend home and signing the adoption “loan” agreement.

Horses adopted from Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue (L.H.P.R.) MAY NOT under any circumstances be SOLD or GIVEN AWAY or legal ownership changed. Selling/Giving Away Adopted Horses violates the Adoption Agreement and **violators will be prosecuted**. You must also **NEVER EVER** move an equine to another location without prior permission and inspection from LHPR (even if it is only for a short time or if it's a short distance away).

While we do not offer “trial periods” we are happy to foster the equine to you with the view of adopting. The foster period of foster with the view to adopt is strictly twelve weeks.

Once this form is completed, we will be in touch if we have something that is suitable (unless submitted for a particular equine), to arrange a home visit.

***We appreciate this is a lengthy form however, it is purely to safeguard the equines future and welfare.***

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A non-refundable adoption donation is required for all ponies, horses and donkeys we rehome. These adoption donations are vital to the running of our charity and without your support we could not continue to do what we do.

Category	Adoption Donation (€)
Shetland pony (under 10hh)	€150
Donkey	€200
Unbroken pony (over 10hh, under 14.2hh)	€300
Broken pony (over 10hh, under 14.2hh)	€650
Unbroken horse (over 14.2hh)	€400
Broken horse (over 14.2hh)	€750
Special needs/OAP	Discuss with your adoption coordinator

When you receive the animal, it will already have its teeth done by our qualified equine dental technician, have its feet done by our master farrier. They are also vaccinated against tetanus and flu, received a de-lice treatment, vetted and are micro chipped with a valid passport. They will also be on a strict worming program so will be fully up to date with worming.

\*Please note this is a minimum donation, you are more than welcome to give a greater donation – as all donations go directly to the running of the rescue centre. The donation is based on the ability of the equine at the time of application (unbroken, broken or companion). **These are non-refundable.**

## These are subject to change with or without notice.

- **If for any reason I am unable to keep the equine, I will contact LHPR immediately.**
- **All equines will remain the legal property of LHPR.**
- Feed, stable and attend to the equine to the Organization's satisfaction.
- Provide adequate shelter (either a stable, barn, field shelter or other manmade shelter)
- Provide adequate and appropriate pasture, with safe and secure fencing, for the equine.
- A minimum of one-two acres per equine is required.
- Provide qualified veterinary treatment in the case of injury or illness and inform the organization of any serious injury or illness to the equine.
- In the event of the equine's death, a death certificate from a veterinary surgeon must be given to the Organization within 14 days of the equine passing. You must also return the passport to us immediately, so we can declare the animal deceased.
- Ensure that the animal is adequately covered by third party insurance.
- Keep the equine at the premises that were inspected by the Organization prior to placement and not move the equine to other premises without prior inspection of the new premises and permission from the Organization.
- Provide regular worming and routine vaccination against equine flu and tetanus.

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- Passport should be stamped and kept up to date by the attending vet.
- Ensure that feet are trimmed and/or shod regularly by a Registered Farrier.
- You as the adopter is fully responsible for all costs associated with the equine including emergency veterinary bills
- **Not to breed from the equine.**
- Not to use the equine, or permit the equine to be used, for hunting live quarry.
- **Notify the Gardaí/Police and the Organization within 24 hours should the equine become lost, stolen or missing.**
- That any foal born to the Animal (providing that the Animal shall be female) shall belong to LHPR which shall be entitled to take such foal at any time at the organisation's discretion
- Permit an official of the Organization to visit my premises from time to time to check the well-being of the equine – we have the powers to enter your premises at any given time to check on the well-being of an LHPR equine
- Should any of your contact details change please get in touch with LHPR immediately to have them updated.
- Allow the Organization to repossess the equine if, in the Organization's opinion, the terms of this agreement are not being adhered to.
- If Euthanasia is recommended by a veterinary surgeon, the Organization must be contacted before this is done, unless delay would result in unnecessary suffering for the equine. If there is a question of choice, lethal injection is preferable to humane killer.
- I agree and understand that whilst LHPR gives as much information as possible, they do not always have a complete history of the equine and cannot therefore, guarantee temperament, behaviour, or health of the equine.
- After a period of 3 months the adopter will receive the animal's original passport. Up until this three-month period, LHPR will keep the passport. Each year at an agreed time with you, this passport will be inspected to ensure its contents (in particular vaccine information) is up to date. If the vaccine information is not up to date, the passport will be revoked, and the equine may be removed from your care. In the event of the equine's death, you must also return the passport to us immediately, so we can declare the animal deceased on the national equine database.
- I confirm that I am over 18 years of age.
- Under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, I have a legal responsibility for the above animal and any animal.
- By adopting and taking possession of the equine, you assume all legal responsibility for any loss or damage sustained by you or any third party which is caused by the equine. You agree by signing a legal form (adoption agreement) to indemnify LHPR and hold us blameless against all claims by yourself and against yourself by any third parties in respect of such loss or damage.
- **LHPR and its appointed representatives, reserve the right to visit your home without prior notice to check on the adopted animal's welfare and also reclaim the equine if in their opinion it is being cared for in a way that is not conducive to the LHPR aims.**
- LHPR are not responsible for any veterinary / farrier / dentistry costs and will not reimburse you for same even in the event of the equine having to be returned to LHPR, regardless of reason.
- Adoption donations are non-refundable – this is not negotiable.
- In the event of an equine having to be returned to LHPR due to medical reasons – we do request a veterinary report.

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The Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue has a zero-tolerance policy on breeding, if an adopter is found in breach of this policy, the equine will be immediately removed from the premises of the adopter and we will seek prosecution for violating our policy. We also have a zero-tolerance policy on moving equines to another location without our prior permission.

**Equine refers to a horse, pony, donkey or mule.**

## Data Protection Statement

**Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue** will process your personal data for the purposes of achieving the stated objectives of rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing equines in need and any associated fundraising activities to provide for their care. It is our policy not to transfer your data to any other organisations\*.

LHPR uses a secure online system designed specially, for animal rescue groups and animal control agencies. This online system stores all its information on servers that are hosted in an ISO 27001 certified data centre in London to comply with GDPR requirements. **Information is held for the duration of the adoption; it is then destroyed.**

\* From time-to-time Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue may disclose information to third parties such as the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine, An Garda Síochána and Local Government (City and county councils).

**This will only be done upon them submitting a request to us.**

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