

# 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 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.

Horses adopted from LHPR (Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue) **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 a short distance away.

The same procedure applies to volunteers and committee members.

**UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT OFFER TRIAL PERIODS FOR ADOPTION. HOWEVER WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO FOSTER THE EQUINE TO YOU (THREE MONTHS) WITH A VIEW TO ADOPTION.**

**PLEASE NOTE WE REQUEST A NON-REFUNDABLE DONATION\* FOR REHOMING LHPR HORSES & PONIES. THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE TREATED AS A DONATION & WILL GO TOWARDS THE RUNNING COSTS OF OUR EQUINE WELFARE CENTRE.**

**WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT WE CANNOT CONTINUE**

**THE WORK THAT WE DO. THE DONATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**FOR RIDING HORSES: €400, FOR COMPANION/OAPS: €300 AND FOR**

**VOLUNTEERS/OFFICIAL LHPR MEMBERS WE OFFER €100 OFF THE FULL FEE.**

**(Volunteer must be an active volunteer with LHPR for at least 6 months, volunteer reduced fee can not be passed onto a family member or friend)**

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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 programme 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 strictly companion). **These are non-refundable.**

## 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. All information is kept confidential.

**THANK YOU**

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## Conditions in which we foster/adopt equines out under.

- ❖ **If for any reason, I am unable to keep the equine, I will contact LHPR immediately**
- ❖ Feed, stable and attend to the equine to the Organization's satisfaction.
- ❖ Provide adequate and appropriate pasture, with safe and secure fencing, for the equine.
- ❖ 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.**
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Ensure that feet are trimmed 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 and the Organization **within 24 hours** should the equine become lost, stolen or missing.
- ❖ Permit an official of the Organization to visit my premises from time to time to check the well-being of the equine
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ I agree that I have been made fully aware of all responsibilities, which I freely enter into on the signing of this agreement, for the above equine
- ❖ LHPR will keep the equines passport as the legal binding owner. A copy version will be sent to me.
- ❖ 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.**

### Please note the following also

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **The donation for the above equine is 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
- ❖ You the adopter will be responsible for transporting the equine back to LHPR in the event of such having to happen.
- ❖ **NB: The Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue, has a zero-tolerance policy on breeding, if an adopter carer 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.\*\***