

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.

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.

Horses adopted from Leinster Horse and Pony Rescue (LHPR) 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).

**Application Form
is filled in**

**If approved a home
visit will be carried out**

**Animal is picked up and a
contract/agreement is signed
and a donation is handed
over to L.H.P.R**

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.

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.

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This form is purely to safe guard the equines future and welfare.

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:

SHETLAND PONY (under 10.2hh)/MINATURE (under 10.2hh) /DONKEY €200,

UNBROKEN PONY (over 10,2hh)/HORSE: €300*,

BROKEN PONY (over 10.2hh)/HORSE €400*.

***VOLUNTEERS/OFFICIAL LHPR MEMBERS RECEIVE a 20% discount OFF THE FULL FEE. (Volunteer must be an active volunteer with LHPR for at least 6 months, volunteer reduced fee cannot be passed onto a family member or friend)**

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*.

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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In submitting this form you agree to / understand the following:

(please read thoroughly). 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 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. 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. Passport should be stamped and kept up to date by the attending vet.**
- ❖ **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 Gardai/Police 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 – we have the powers to enter your premises at any given time to check on the well being of an LHPR 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.
- ❖ **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 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
- ❖ 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.**

*** LHPR is not a lending facility. We will not accept horses back through no fault of their own or because you have gotten a replacement equine. Our aim is to rehome our equines for the rest of their lives.**

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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.****