

Adopter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Virginia Range Sanctuary  
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**Virginia Range Horse Adoption Agreement**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, SIGN AND DATE WHERE INSTRUCTED**

This agreement applies to the acquisition by adoption of certain horse(s) as described herein to be in compliance with some basic requirements intended to help ensure the safety and well-being of horse(s) adopted as well as that of adopters.

**FACILITY AND CARE REQUIREMENTS**

**Corral:**

The horses being adopted are wild and a proper enclosure is necessary for the safety of the horses and people present. Corrals must be a minimum of 400 square feet. The material may be wood, lodge pole, plank, steel pipe, steel channel panels or horse (no-climb) fence. No barbed wire is allowed. Minimum height is 5 ft. for gentled horses and horses under 18 months of age. Minimum height is 6 ft. for ungentled mature horses.

**Shelter:**

Some form of durable shelter to protect the animal from sun, driving rain and wind shall be provided that is appropriate for the climate where adopted animals will be kept. The shelter shall include or be suitably close to an appropriate windbreak, have suitable drainage and be easily cleaned.

**Food and Water:**

Good quality grass or meadow hay is sufficient for former range horses, but a mixture of grass/alfalfa, or oat mix is also acceptable. Straight alfalfa is not recommended as it is too “hot” and for these animals and can cause founder. ***We recommend that you feed hay in a container and not directly on the ground.***

Grains should be limited. An apple or carrot is a good treat or reward, but most former range horses are unsure of what they are at first, so several tidbits or shavings put into their hay container will help acquaint them.

A trace mineral salt block must be provided at all times.

Fresh water must be provided on a daily basis. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FROZEN WATER IN WINTER MUST BE BROKEN morning and night. Watch the water level carefully to make sure the horse is drinking. (They should consume at least 5-10 gallons per day).

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**ADOPTION FEES:**

Adoption fees for ungentled animals are \$125.00 for mares, geldings and young colts of both sexes, and \$25.00 for aged animals and animals that have been injured and require special care. Other adjustments may be made in special circumstances.

Adoption costs are not the only expenses that should be considered before you decide to adopt. Additional expenses may include Coggins and health certificates for interstate travel, and once "home," will include veterinarian fees, farrier fees, vaccinations, insecticides, feed, tack, supplements, training and grooming supplies.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Animals may be picked up the day of the adoption or arrangements can be made to hold the animals for pickup. Board will be charged for animals held for pickup. Horses held in the state corrals incur board at a rate of \$6.00 per day

The trailer cannot have openings of such size that would encourage the animal to attempt an escape. Large openings must be covered. Stock trailers are appropriate for ungentled animals. Straight load trailers are appropriate only for gentled horses that have been taught to trailer and for weanlings. Hay manger sections need to be covered when transporting weanlings as they may jump onto the manger looking to escape.

We do not recommend transporting animals in bad weather or high winds. You must be able to back completely up to your corral or set up an unloading chute, since wild animals can find an escape route if given only a few inches.

Animals will not be released into trailers that appear to be dangerous or in poor condition.

**ADOPTION AGREEMENT:**

**NO WARRANTIES ASSERTED OR IMPLIED:**

Neither the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Corrections, or the Virginia Range Sanctuary assert or imply any warrantee as to the marketability or fitness for any particular purpose of any animal offered through this program.

There is also no guarantee from the Nevada Department of Agriculture, the Nevada Department of Corrections, or the Virginia Range Sanctuary as to the soundness of limb or organ of the animals. Adopters should pay close attention to the animals being considered and make their selections accordingly.

Age, physical description and other information provided by the State of Nevada Department of Agriculture are the best determinations made when the animals are being processed. No guarantees as to the accuracy of any descriptions and information are expressed or implied.

Examination of the animal prior to adoption is the sole responsibility of the prospective adopter. In the event that an animal is found to be unsuitable to the adopter, it may be returned to the Virginia Range Sanctuary. Adoption fees paid may be refundable depending upon circumstances, but are not guaranteed.

**Method of Payment:**

All accounts must be paid in full at the time of the adoption. Payment may be in the form of cash, personal check or PayPal transaction. Checks should be made payable to the Virginia Range Sanctuary.

**Compliance:**

The adopter agrees to maintain the animal in good condition in a compliant enclosure. Animals not properly kept or abused may be repossessed. Adoption fees will not be refunded for repossessed animals.

**Disposition:**

The adopter agrees that the purpose of this agreement is to ensure the safe, wholesome and humane placement of the horse(s) described into private hands or into a bona-fide horse program. In the event an adopter cannot properly care for and maintain the horse(s,) the horse(s) may be returned to the Virginia Range Sanctuary or be placed with another established and reputable horse rescue organization of the adopter's choosing.

**Boarding Fees:**

Animals may be boarded at state holding facilities at a rate of \$6.00 per day for up to two weeks. All boarding fees are due and payable prior to taking possession of the animal. Arrangements can sometimes be made with volunteers to hold and board horses for longer periods when necessary.

**LEGAL TERMS OF ADOPTION:**

This adoption agreement constitutes a legal transfer of ownership of the horse(s) described herein to the adopter with certain rights reserved to the Virginia Range Sanctuary as disclosed above.

The adopter certifies that he/she is adopting for personal use, and/or after exercising reasonable judgment to place or sell the horse(s) to other qualified individuals, and that the horse(s) will not be subject to public sales or auctions.

The adopter agrees to notify the Virginia Range Sanctuary in writing or by electronic message if any adopted horse is given or sold to another party in order that the Sanctuary's records remain current.

The adopter understands that willfully or negligently releasing any horse(s) onto any open range without first complying with the respective state's brand laws may constitute a criminal violation.

**PLEASE SIGN AND DATE HERE IF YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THESE CONDITIONS.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF \_\_\_ HORSE(S)

Identification No.:    Sex:    Age:                      Description:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_ Business or Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address or location where the animal will be housed, if different from above:

Authorization by property owner granting permission to board a horse or horses:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the facilities: Wood \_\_\_\_\_ Panels \_\_\_\_\_ Other Fencing (type) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. square footage: \_\_\_\_\_ (Length x width)

Describe Shelter: \_\_\_\_\_

Is running water available on property? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of water container: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of farrier? \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANIMAL ABUSE OR CRUELTY?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please provide an attached detailed explanation.)

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada, I testify that I am of legal age (18) and the statements and representations made on this application are true and correct to my best knowledge.

Signature of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_