

## PRESCREENING APPLICATION TO BID ON STATE HORSES



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

### **Part I: Disclosures**

Least Resistance Training Concepts, Inc. (LRTC) as an agent for the Nevada Dept. of Agriculture, facilitates adoptions for Nevada State Estray horses found in Storey, Washoe, and Lyon Counties and on private lands. Nevada State Estray horses are adopted under state and LRTC criteria to qualifying private parties. Field checks of facilities may be conducted at any time by an appointed representative of LRTC. State regulations require that adopters properly maintain their horses for one year prior to receiving title. Adopters will have to sign a maintenance and care agreement.

### **FACILITY AND CARE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Corral:**

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 horses.

#### **Shelter:**

Shelter to protect the horse from sun, driving rain and wind shall be provided that is appropriate for the climate where adopted horses will be kept. The shelter shall include an appropriate windbreak, suitable drainage and should be easily cleaned.

#### **Food and Water:**

Good quality grass or meadow hay is sufficient for horses or burros, 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 wild horses are unsure of what they are a 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).

**ADOPTION FEES:**

Minimum adoption fees for horses are \$150.00 at state public adoptions. Applicants may bid on more than one horse. Applicants do not have to take more than the number of horses that they want.

Adoption costs are not the only expenses that should be considered before you decide to adopt. Additional expenses will also include veterinarian fees, farrier fees, vaccinations, insecticides, feed, tack, supplements, training and grooming supplies.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Horses may be picked up the day of the adoption or arrangements can be made with staff to hold the animals for pickup. Board will be charged for animals held for pickup.

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 for gentled horses that have been taught to trailer and for weanlings. Manger sections need to be covered when transporting weanlings as they tend to jump onto the manger looking to escape.

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

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

**No Warranties are Specified or Implied!**

The Nevada Department of Agriculture, the Comstock Wild Horse Gentling Program, the Nevada Department of Corrections and LRTC make no implied warranties as to the marketability or fitness for any particular purpose of any horse offered in this program.

There is also no guarantee from the Comstock Wild Horse Gentling Program, the Department of Agriculture, the Nevada Department of Corrections, or LRTC as to the soundness of limb or organ of the horses. 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 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 horse prior to adoption is the sole responsibility of the prospective adopter. In the event that the adopter relinquishes the horse to the adoption agency during the first year of possession and prior to receiving title, no monies will be refunded. In some circumstances one horse may be exchanged for a more suitable horse, subject to stock available and on approval of the Adoption Program Manager.

**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, money order or cashier's check. Checks should be made payable to Least Resistance Training Concepts, Inc. (or "LRTC".)

A \$20.00 fee will be charged for any returned check. Returned checks that are not satisfied within 30 days may result in civil claims, criminal prosecution, forfeiture of the animal or any or all of the above. If a civil claim is filed and/or an animal is forfeited, Adopter is liable for collection and/or recovery costs.

**Compliance:**

The horse must be maintained in good condition in a compliant facility. Horses not properly kept may be repossessed by the State of Nevada or an adoption agent. Adoption fees will not be refunded for repossessed animals.

**Additional Information:**

Horses may be boarded at holding facilities at a rate of \$2.50 per day up to two weeks. Commencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> day boarding fees will increase to \$5 per day. All boarding fees are due and payable prior to taking possession of the horse.

**LEGAL TERMS OF ADOPTION:**

All adopted estrays remain the property of the State of Nevada under observation by the registered adoption agency for a period of one year. The adopter may not sell, give, transfer or otherwise dispose of the adopted animal(s) without express written permission of the registered adoption agency or other person designated by the Nevada Department of Agriculture. The registered adoption agency must be kept notified as to the location where the horse is kept. If the horse is verified to be in good condition at the end of the adoption period the adopter may file for title of ownership.

**Attending the Adoption:**

Adoptions are conducted by the Nevada Department of Corrections at the Warm Springs Correctional Facility in Carson City. No persons will be admitted wearing blue jeans, a blue coat or jacket, or any clothing that is similar in appearance. Cell phones, cameras, keys and weapons of any kind are prohibited. (Car keys may be left at the guard shack.) These rules are strictly enforced!

**Part II. Applicant Information:**

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

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

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

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

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 an estray horse:

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 CHARGED WITH AND/OR CONVICTED OF ANIMAL ABUSE?**

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: \_\_\_\_\_