

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Horse Adoptions

Storybook Farm and Equine Rescue

Can I sell a horse that I adopt?

In order to keep track of our rescue horses and keep them out of auctions and bad homes, we have a policy that horses not be re-sold after they are adopted. If something happens and you cannot keep an adopted horse, you must contact us in helping you place the horse in a new adopted home or we will take the horse back (**adoption fees are non-refundable!**) You are never stuck with a horse if you decide they are not right for you.

What are your adoption fees?

Fees range from \$50 to \$700 depending on the horse. They are not negotiable. They include various things depending on the horse and how long they have been here but all adoptable horses will have vaccinations, coggins, deworming, and a current hoof trim.

Are your adoption fees negotiable?

No, adoption fees are not negotiable and we do not give horses away. After their health, training, and behavioral issues are addressed, the money spent will likely be more than most adoption fees. Adopting a horse at a rescue means the horses' issues will be disclosed and they will be as healthy as they can be when they leave here. We will always take any horse back that does not work out.

Do you take trades for adoption fees?

No. I especially do not trade adoptable horses for another horse for a variety of reasons.

I'd like to adopt a horse to show or for my lesson program- do you have anything to suit my needs?

We do not generally adopt horses out to be used in competition or for lessons for various reasons. Good, healthy, sane show horses, especially those who are kid safe, rarely end up in rescues. Therefore we do not usually have them.

I'm looking for a cheap first horse for my child - is this a good place to look?

Unfortunately, kids outgrow horses in a variety of ways and we like for our horses to be placed in a more stable, permanent situation. Exceptions sometimes apply, depending on the situation and you are welcome to inquire and see what we have.

Do I need a certain type of fencing to adopt a horse?

No. Our facility is far from perfect and we don't expect perfection in future homes. However, we do like to visit a potential home beforehand to ensure that it is suitable for the horse you wish to adopt. While there is no "right" fencing or facilities, unsafe fencing or facilities will not be approved for an adopted home.

Can I adopt a mare from you to be used as a broodmare?

NO. Please do not inquire if you are looking for a cheap broodmare. This is a rescue, not a sale barn. Rescues exist due to overpopulation. We do not wish to help contribute to

that problem.

I found a horse on your site that I like - now what?

Contact me via email or phone first. Be sure to send information about yourself, your property, and your other horses. You can't send too much information, but many send too little. Emails such as "can I see more pics?" do not tell me much about yourself and the home you have to offer. Due to the large number of inquiries I receive, I will not respond to those that do not provide me with some information. Also, if a horse is listed on this site as adoptable, then yes they are still available.

If I adopt a horse from you, will you show up at my house unannounced to do a surprise inspection?

Unless I have reason to believe something bad is going on, I will not do surprise inspections. I do have follow-up requirements which are usually addressed on a horse by horse basis.

How do I get approved to adopt a horse I want?

The most important requirement is that the horses themselves approve of you. You could have the perfect facility, background, and personality but if the horse doesn't like you, you're not approved. So it is necessary to come out and meet and interact with the horse you want. If that goes well, you will be asked to provide references which *will* be checked. These include veterinary and farrier references among others. I will check out the place where the horse is going to make sure that it is a safe and healthy environment. If all that checks out, you will then sign the adoption contract.

We do require that anyone interested in adopting a horse come out and meet the horse first without a horse trailer. This gives you 24 hours to make up your mind, and gives us a chance to consider the suitability of the "match." (If you are several hours away, contact us for more information on this policy.) We have had cases where people change their mind during that period and we'd rather it happen before you get the horse rather than after.

I love a horse I saw on your website! I want them shipped to me this week. Can I do this?

No. Buying a horse and adopting a horse are very different and, even if you have the money ready to go and a shipper lined up, I don't just send horses off blindly to a new home. Please inquire for long distance adoption policies if you are out of state as we have had many successful out of state adoptions.

Do you hold horses for potential adopters?

It depends on the situation. If the situation is particularly ideal for one of the horses, I will hold them if the adoption fee is paid upfront. I cannot hold horses without their fee being paid. Adoptions are first come, first serve (pending home approval) as perfect homes are hard to find.