



Adoption/Fostering Policies & Application Form

About You

You must be over 18 years of age to adopt or foster a horse from Bear Valley Rescue. Are you adopting/fostering as a “single parent,” a family, or a couple? Will more than one person be sharing the responsibilities that accompany horse ownership? Is everyone agreed on his/her responsibilities?

Do you now own any horses? (If so, what are their ages & temperaments?)

If you have had horses in the past that you no longer own, please explain under what circumstances you were unable to keep them or rehomed them and what happened to them.

Why do you want to adopt or foster a “rescue” horse?

About the Horse You Would Like to Adopt/Foster

Are you interested in adopting/fostering a particular age, gender, or breed of horse; is there a particular BVR horse you are interested in? If so, please give the horse's name, and a brief description of why this horse appeals to you. What personality traits are you looking for in a horse (e.g., athletic, quiet, bold, friendly)? Do you have other animals that are a factor in your decision to foster/adopt (e.g., are you wanting your horse to bond with another horse, to be submissive, or dominant)?

What are your future plans for the horse you would like to adopt, in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years (or longer!)? What are your plans for the horse if the horse cannot be ridden due to injury or illness? What specific knowledge do you have about caring for an older horse?

Please read and acknowledge your understanding of the following considerations in adopting/fostering a horse.

"Rescue" Horses

Our horses, while perhaps less expensive than other horses, may have issues: they may have been abused or neglected and need to learn to trust humans; they may have physical conditions that require particular care; they may not have had any handling or only minimal training. Do you have the time, finances, and skill to work with and maintain a horse?

Commitment:

You must be able and willing to spend consistent, extensive time with your horse. Note, too, that a horse can live for over 30 years. Can you commit to care for your horse for its lifetime? What will you do with your horse if your circumstances change?

Horses adopted or fostered from Bear Valley Rescue are released on the condition that they never be sold at auction or for slaughter.

- I have read, understand, and agree to this condition for any horse adopted or fostered from Bear Valley Rescue.

Expense:

The initial cost of your horse is only the beginning: you must be prepared to pay for tack, feed, boarding, vet care, worming, shots, farrier, hauling – it can add up to a LOT of money, and a lot of these costs are recurring, some several times in just one year.

Knowledge:

Even well-trained horses, of which “rescues” are few, can be dangerous, especially if you do not have the skill and confidence to handle them. Consider carefully your desire to adopt an animal that has little experience or training.

- I have read and understand these factors in deciding to adopt or foster a horse.**

How would you rate your horse expertise and knowledge?

- This will be my first horse.
- I have owned (or still own) at least one horse.
- I am experienced with horses and knowledgeable about their care and handling.

Are you able to train your horse, or do you have a trainer whom you trust to work **with you and your horse**? If you have previous horse experience, please provide a brief summary.

What is your philosophy in the training of a horse?

Do you intend or hope to breed the horse you are adopting or fostering? Please read and acknowledge your understanding of our policy on any horse adopted or fostered from Bear Valley Rescue:

Unless written consent is given by Bear Valley Rescue, mares are adopted or fostered on the condition that they not be bred. Colts are released on the condition they must be gelded as soon as possible and not be used for breeding.

- I have read, understand, and agree to this condition for any horse adopted or fostered from Bear Valley Rescue.

About Your Space

Do you (or will you) board your horse, or do you own or lease property for the horse? Where is the property located? If you plan to board your horse at a stable or on land owned by someone other than yourself, please supply the name and contact information for that facility/property. Bear Valley Rescue may visit these premises as a condition to granting adoption or fostering to an applicant.

Do you own or have access to a horse trailer and truck should your horse require transport?

If you board your horse or lease space for it, how often are you able to visit your horse?

Who is your local veterinarian (or clinic)?

Please note: By signing and submitting this application, you are giving Bear Valley Rescue permission to verify the information you have supplied; we may contact your named veterinarian, boarding facility, and/or land owner named here.

- I understand and agree to Bear Valley Rescue using this information to contact the above-mentioned clinic, facility, and/or landowner.

In uncommon instances, a horse may prove to be incompatible or unsuitable. If, for example, a horse is found to be unfit or unsound, Bear Valley Rescue will accept return of the horse and refund or issue a tax receipt for the amount paid.

Please note that if ownership of the horse is transferred, these conditions must follow the horse to its new home.

- I understand and agree that these conditions will be transferred to the horse's new owner should it become necessary to re-home a horse adopted from Bear Valley Rescue.
- Should circumstances arise that prevent me from continuing to foster a horse from Bear Valley Rescue, I will notify and return the horse to Bear Valley Rescue, which remains the legal owner of any horse released for fostering purposes.

Your contact information

Name(s)

Date

Address

Email address

City, province, postal code

Home phone
Postal code

Cell phone

Work phone

Signature of applicant
(or parent/ guardian if under 18 years of age)

Date signed

Bear Valley Rescue has the right to refuse to adopt or foster out any horse to any applicant it deems unsuitable, for reasons that may or may not be disclosed to that person/those persons.