



## **Run for the Ribbons Inc.** **Horse Adoption Application**

Thank you for your interest in adopting a retired Thoroughbred from Run for the Ribbons Inc. Our goal is to successfully find the best possible home for our horses. To help us meet that goal, please complete this application to the best of your ability. Your accurate responses will also help us match you with a horse that meets your requirements.

### Applicant Requirements

#### Personal

- Must be at least 18 years of age; if younger, a parent must be added to the application and must sign the adoption contract if approved.
- Make no less than \$25,000 a year. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Live within the state of Florida. Exceptions will be made to this and there will be stricter reporting criteria required of the adopter if the exception is made or if the adopted horse is more than three hours away from our home base in Tampa.
- Have owned a horse before. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Must be working with a trainer if a beginner to intermediate rider.
- Must have at least two non-family personal references that are aware of the applicant's horse experience and that have been to the facility where the horse will be located.
- Must have a vet reference that has been to the facility where the horse will be located within the last year. If not, a farm call will be requested of the applicant. Boarding facility's regular vet does not necessarily have to be the applicant's current vet.

#### Facility

- If the applicant owns the farm (private facility), must have at least one acre per horse.
- If the applicant is boarding the horse, must have at least half acre per horse.
- Stall must be at least 12 x 12 unless the horse will be primarily turned out.
- If there are no stalls, there must be adequate shelter in a pasture large enough to accommodate the horse(s). For example, a run-in for two horses should be at least 12 x 24.
- All Thoroughbreds must have access to a stall if recently off the track and cannot be pasture boarded until they have successfully transitioned to life off the track. Time varies for each horse but should be a minimum of three months.
- The following fencing is acceptable.
  - Wood rail / split rail (at least two rails high)
  - Woven wire / horse fence / no climb fence / mesh fence / field fence, etc.
  - White vinyl / poly-tape (at least 6" wide and at least three rails high)
  - Electric tape / electric smooth-wire (at least four strands high)
  - Barbed wire is only acceptable at the top (one strand) to prevent leaning.

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**All adopters must be at least 18 years old and be financially and physically able to provide proper care for the Adopted Horse.**

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

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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

Age (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ 18-25 \_\_\_\_\_ 26-30 \_\_\_\_\_ 31-40 \_\_\_\_\_ 41-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 51-60 \_\_\_\_\_ over 60

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ under \$25,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25k-\$35k \_\_\_\_\_ \$35k-\$50k \_\_\_\_\_ \$50k-\$75k  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$75k-\$100k \_\_\_\_\_ over \$100,000

Will anyone be helping you pay for the care of the horse? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no - If yes, please explain:

Are you aware that it costs \$3,500-\$5,000 a year to care for a horse? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**HORSE EXPERIENCE AND HISTORY**

Describe your experience with horses:

Have you previously owned a horse? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Do you currently own a horse? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If you had horses in the past, please explain what were they used for and why you no longer have them.

What riding disciplines do you practice? Be sure to include the number of years.

What breeds have you handled or ridden?

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Do you have experience training green horses? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no – If yes, please explain:

Have you ever trained an off-track Thoroughbred? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Have you ever sold a horse? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no – If yes, please explain:

**YOU AND YOUR POTENTIAL ADOPTED HORSE**

Why do you want to adopt an ex-racehorse?

Please indicate your preferences.

Gender: \_\_\_\_ Gelding \_\_\_\_ Stallion \_\_\_\_ Filly/Mare \_\_\_\_ No Preference

Age: \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ No Preference Height: \_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_ Bay \_\_\_\_ Chestnut \_\_\_\_ Gray/Roan \_\_\_\_ No Preference

What riding discipline and level of riding do you wish to achieve with horse?

How often do you want to ride your horse? \_\_\_\_ Daily \_\_\_\_ 2-3 times a week \_\_\_\_ 3-5 times a week  
\_\_\_\_ 1-2 times a month \_\_\_\_ Weekends only \_\_\_\_ Seldom

How would you rate your riding ability? \_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_ Advanced

Do you have a trainer? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no – If yes, please provide trainer's name & phone number:

Beside yourself, who else will be riding the horse?

Rider 1 – Name: \_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_ Riding Ability: \_\_\_\_

Rider 2 – Name: \_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_ Riding Ability: \_\_\_\_

Rider 3 – Name: \_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_ Riding Ability: \_\_\_\_

Rider 4 – Name: \_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_ Riding Ability: \_\_\_\_

What is your overall goal for the horse?

When would you like to adopt? \_\_\_\_

**BOARDING OR FACILITY INFORMATION**

Please provide the name, address and phone number of the farm or stable where the horse will stay.

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_

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

Who owns the facility?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live at the facility? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Have you had horses at this facility before? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Are you, or the boarding facility, willing to feed the 8-12 pounds of grain and ¼ - ½ bale of quality hay daily necessary to maintain a Thoroughbred? This amounts to approximately one 50lb bag of feed every 6 days or six bags a month plus 10-20 bales of hay per month.

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

What type of grain and hay will be fed?

If you DO NOT live at the facility, what is the monthly board fee? \_\_\_\_\_

What does that fee cover? \_\_\_\_\_

If you DO live at the facility, what do you anticipate paying a month to care for the horse? \_\_\_\_\_

How many horses are currently at the facility? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the horse have a stall or run-in (check one)? \_\_\_\_\_ stall \_\_\_\_\_ Run-In \_\_\_\_\_ Neither

Please provide dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the facility have pasture? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no – If yes, how many total acres? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the following available in the pasture? \_\_\_\_\_ Water Troughs \_\_\_\_\_ Trees \_\_\_\_\_ Lake/Pond

What type of fencing surrounds the pasture/paddock? Explain in detail (type of material, number of rails, strands, height) Barbed wire is not acceptable.

How many other horses will the horse be turned out with? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a day will the horse be turned out? \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCE INFORMATION

Please provide us with your veterinarian's information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please provide us with your farrier's information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide two NON-FAMILY references who can testify to your ability to provide and care for a horse.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_