

APPLICATION FORM TO ADOPT OR FOSTER AN EQUINE			
Name:			
Address			
Eircode			
Telephone No.:		Mobile No.:	
Email:			
Equine Premises No.:			
Height Of Rider :		Weight Of Rider:	
Veterinary Surgeon; name, address & contact number			
Farrier; name, address & contact number			
Are you interested in		Adopting..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Fostering <input type="checkbox"/>
What type of equine are you interested in adopting or fostering?			
Horse <input type="checkbox"/>	Pony <input type="checkbox"/>	Donkey <input type="checkbox"/>	
What do you want to use the equine for?			
Riding <input type="checkbox"/>	Companion <input type="checkbox"/>	Unbacked Project <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please describe the facilities where the equine will be kept; acreage, grazing, fencing, stabling, shelter, etc.			
Do you keep any other equines or animals? If so please give details.			



Please give details of your stable management experience (and riding experience if applying to adopt an equine suitable for riding).

Signed:		Date:	
Signed by Parent if under 18 years of age		Date:	
Approved By:		Date:	

*Please note there is a charge for adopting an equine from DSPCA. €200 to adopt a horse, €100 to adopt a pony or donkey. **The Adopter agrees to organise Transfer of Ownership after a period of 3 months.** A Transfer of Ownership form is available from the passport issuing body (PIB). The ownership of the equine is then transferred from the DSPCA to the Adopter. There is small fee payable to the PIB by the Adopter.*

At DSPCA we are always looking for suitable foster homes (minimum period of 6 months) to assist us with grazing & handling. We only foster or adopt out rescues that are safe & good to handle. However, all animals can be unpredictable & care should be taken at all times.

I consent to the DSPCA contacting me about their Organised Events, Activities & Other Services

We require all applicants to be Garda Vetted. By ticking this box you are consenting to the Garda Vetting process

By ticking this box, you are giving your consent that DSPCA will use the information that you provide on this form to process your application. In order to comply with Charity regulations & Equine ID legislation we may have to share your Equine Premises Number with the relevant authority. Your contact details may also be shared with DSPCA representatives for the purpose of carrying out a home check

Please return this form to:

Claire Owens, Equine Welfare & Re-homing Manager, Dublin SPCA, Mount Venus Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin, D16 F9C4. Email claire.owens@dspca.ie

Phone 01 499 4724



APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ADOPTING AN EQUINE

1. It is understood that the equine was rescued by the DSPCA & our goal is to find long term, loving homes for all our rescues. Our aim is to match the right equine to the right home. All our equines deserve a second chance in a suitable home. Therefore, please give us as much information as possible in your application.
2. All equines that come into the DSPCA are microchipped & hold a valid passport.
3. All equines are vaccinated, wormed & will be seen by a registered farrier. We advise that regular foot care is undertaken by a registered farrier, that a regular worming programme is carried out & that all vaccinations & other records are kept up to date.
4. All our equines are well handled & have been fully rehabilitated. However, all animals can be unpredictable & care should be taken at all times. Equines can be adopted as riding, companion or unbacked project.
5. DSPCA does not allow breeding from any of our rescued equines. All males are castrated when they are in good health & of the correct age before they go forward for adoption.
6. Suitable grazing, stabling, shelter, knowledge, experience & finances are a requirement in all applications. We advise that the Adopter will provide the equine with proper food, stabling or shelter, attendance & do all that is reasonably necessary to keep it in good health & condition.
7. We advise that a qualified veterinary surgeon shall be consulted by the Adopter in every case of sickness, accident, disability or disease & their advice be strictly followed. All veterinary fees shall be the responsibility of the Adopter once an **Adoption Agreement Form** is completed.
8. When it comes to end of life decisions that humane destruction of the equine is carried out by a registered veterinary surgeon.
9. Under current legislation you must be over 16 years of age to own a horse. We do not accept applications from anyone under this age.
10. If we can match a suitable equine to your application, we will contact you & arrange a visit to DSPCA premises.
11. If you decide to adopt an equine from DSPCA we will first carry out a home check. An **Adoption Agreement Form** is then completed. This transfers the care of the equine from the DSPCA to the Adopter. The equine remains the property of DSPCA until Transfer of Ownership takes place 3 months after date of adoption.
12. Once an **Adoption Agreement Form** is completed the Adopter is responsible for transport arrangements, veterinary costs & for all the costs of keeping the equine thereafter.
13. **ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE ACT 2013:** It is now a legal obligation for an owner / guardian to provide the 5 FREEDOMS for animals in their care. The five freedoms concept can be summarised for equines as follows: **1.** Access to fresh water & an appropriate diet to maintain health & vigor. **2.** Adequate comfort & shelter, freedom from stress or fear. **3.** The prevention of vice, injury, parasitic infestation & disease. **4.** Freedom of movement & the opportunity to exercise normal patterns of behavior. **5.** The company of other animals (particularly of like kind).
14. **PASSPORTS FOR EQUINES:** Since 2008 all equines (horses, ponies, donkeys & mules) must be microchipped & have a passport within 6 months of their birth or 31st December, whichever time is the later. Legislation relating to equine identification is contained in The European Communities (Equine) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 357 of 2011) as amended by (S.I. 371 of 2012). It is an offence to contravene this legislation.
15. **EQUINE PREMISES NUMBER:** Since 01 March 2014 under the Control on Places where Horses are kept Regulation (SI 113 of 2014) anyone who is the owner/person in charge of any premises in which horses or other equines (such as donkeys, ponies etc) are kept are now required to register their premises with the Department. Registration is through the local Department's Regional Offices. Application forms on which to register may be obtained from the Department's regional offices or from the Department's Animal Health Division, tel. 01 6072466 or from the Department's website:
<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animalhealthwelfare/animalwelfare/registrationofpremisesanimals/registrationofhorsepremises/>