



STANARDBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

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Dear Horse Enthusiast,

Thank you for inquiring about adopting a Standardbred. If you are unfamiliar with this breed, you will be pleased to discover the Standardbred has earned a reputation for being a sturdy, calm, versatile horse that is quick and willing to learn, with wonderful stable manners and patience.

Many horses retire due to lack of speed or have sustained injuries which do not affect their usefulness as pleasure horses. We determine their level of physical comfort and usefulness by compiling information from the racing trainer and veterinarian, so a mutually compatible match can be made for you and the horse. Transportation of your newly adopted horse to your facility is your responsibility.

Nearly every Standardbred has a natural trot, knows how to steer and stop, and drives. Most Standardbreds enjoy a short ride upon first introduction to the saddle. Standardbreds are easily trained to any discipline. If you plan to do more than leisurely trail rides, be prepared to do some work to get the trot and canter collected. Your persistence will be rewarding, as the breed is very cooperative and quick to learn. If you are a novice rider we suggest working with a trainer that is familiar with this gentle breed.

How to apply: Please read, complete, and return the application attached and the \$25. non-refundable application donation via check, credit card, or Pay Pal. Fill out every question on the application, including a description of your ideal horse. As soon as we receive your application, e-mail or mail photos as noted in the application, we will begin screening your references. When the screening is completed we will begin profiling potential horses for you.

The *mission and goal* of the Foundation is to find these horses good, loving, lifetime homes. In our twenty years of experience there have been rare occasions when an adopted horse was uncared for. It is for this reason, we require our detailed *Caregiver Contract* to be signed and on file in the office when adopting a horse. The agreement requires bi-annual vet reports stating the horse is in satisfactory condition. **Our adopted horses can never be bred, raced, sold, leased, given away, or commercially used.** We are looking for a lifetime commitment to our horses, however, if an adopter can no longer provide good care, the horse(s) must be returned to the SRF. With over 2,000 adoptions to-date, this helps the Foundation to intervene in the best interest of the horse, if necessary.

We look forward to finding you a great match!

Cordially,

Placement Coordinator

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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Standardbred Retirement Foundation

APPLICATION

Please circle all that apply:

I am interested in: Adoption Foster Care Both

How did you learn about SRF? Friend _____ Website _____ (please list search engine)
Newspaper/ Magazine _____ (please tell us which one) Flyer Other _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____ <div style="text-align: right;">AGE: _____</div> <small>(Must be at least 18 years old)</small>
ADDRESS: _____ _____ <small>If Rural Route, include actual street name and address</small> CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
HOME PHONE #: (____) _____ CELL PHONE #: (____) _____ WORK #: (____) _____ OCCUPATION _____ FAX #: (____) _____ E-MAIL _____ @ _____
Where is the best place to reach you between the hours of 9-5 EST? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Home Cell Work Email </div>

Horse Preferences

Gender: Gelding Mare
Color: No Preference Black Bay (<i>more readily available</i>) Other : _____
Age of horse: No Preference Young (2-12) Teenager (13-19) Seasoned (20+)
Size: No Preference 14-15 hands (<i>average size</i>) 15-16 hands 16+ hands

Applicant Information

- Who will use the horse the majority of the time? _____
- Height & weight of person who will be riding : Height _____ Weight _____
- Briefly describe riding experience: _____

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- How would you rate yourself in regards to horse care and riding? Beginner Int. Adv.
 - How would you rate the main rider of horse, if not applicant? Beginner Int. Adv.
 - How will you use your horse? Trail/Pleasure Shows/Event Driving (Please elaborate) _____

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- On an average how many days per week will this horse be ridden or driven? _____
 - Period of time each session at: Walk _____ Trot _____ Canter _____
 - How long have you been searching for a new horse? _____
 - Have you ever owned a horse or a pony before? _____ Yes _____ No
 - If not, have you ever been responsible for another's horse or pony and for how long and under what circumstances? _____

 - Please list all horses sold/given away/died within the last 5 years (details, please):

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- List all horses you now have, their names, ages, and uses: _____

 - Please list any other animals (dogs, cats, cows, etc) you have, and their na
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Stabling Information

This horse will be stabled at : ___ Boarding Facility ___ Home ___ My property, other than home

Name of facility _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #(_____) _____ Name of Contact Person _____

Name of Barn Vet _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Name of Barn Farrier: _____ Phone # (_____) _____

- Describe the horse shelter: Barn size _____ Box Stall Size _____ Run In Shed _____
- Type of flooring in shelter: _____
- What type of fencing encloses the turnout area? _____

- Please indicate the approx. size of the turnout area: _____
- How many horses are stabled at the facility? _____
How long will your horse be turned out each day? _____
- What type of hay do is used & in what amounts per day? _____
- What is the grain stored in & where is it stored? _____
- What arrangements have been made to provide clean water for the horse 24 hours per day?

- How often will/do you deworm your horse? _____
- What products do you use? _____
- How often will/do you have your horse's teeth floated? _____
- Farrier Trim/Shoe? _____
- How often will/do you have your horse inoculated? _____
- Do you use a veterinarian for vaccinations? _____
- How would you introduce an adopted horse to his/her new environment and pasture mates? _____

- For what reasons would you call a Vet? _____
- Describe the area/situation in which you would feed two or more horses turned out together:

Applicant References:
(Please do not use family members)

- **NAME OF YOUR PRESENT HORSE VET (no relatives):** _____
 - Phone # (____) _____
 - How long have you used this vet? _____

- **NAME OF YOUR PRESENT SMALL ANIMAL VET(no relatives):**

 - Phone # (____) _____
 - How long have you used this vet? _____

- **NAME OF YOUR FARRIER (no relatives):** _____

 - Phone # (____) _____
 - How long have you used this farrier? _____

- **NAME OF TRAINER :** _____

 - Telephone # (____) _____

- **NAME OF PERSONAL REFERENCE (work or school):** _____

 - Phone #: (____) _____
 - How long have you known this person? _____
 - In what capacity? _____

- **NEIGHBOR (can not be a relative):** _____

 - Address: _____
 - Phone #: (____) _____

Photos REQUIRED Prior to Finalizing Application.

You may email or snail mail photos.

Enclosing pictures with your application will expedite the application process

Close-up pictures are appreciated

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| ▶ Barn and/or run-in shed, inside & outside areas. | ▶ Hay, grain, grain containers & storage |
| ▶ Inside of stall/shelter including flooring | ▶ Turnout(s) including all fencing & water provisions. |
| ▶ Other horses at facility, if applicable | ▶ Any other animals currently in your care |

We will not be able to process your application unless all of the questions are completed. If you are unsure how to answer a question, or would like to speak to someone, please do not hesitate to call our office at **(609) 324-1500**.

