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Standardbred Retirement Foundation

42 Arneytown-Hornerstown Rd.
Cream Ridge, NJ 08514
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www.AdoptaHorse.org

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 calm, versatile horse that is willing and quick to learn, with wonderful manners, and patience. Why retired from Racing? Many horses retire off the track due to lack of speed or have sustained minor injuries that do not affect their use as pleasure horses. Some horses are sold after racing and used in rural communities as work and transportation horses and then come to SRF.

Gaits: Nearly every Standardbred has a **natural trot**, knows the bit well, and drives. **Standardbreds enjoy a short ride upon their first introduction to the saddle, they are known as the “Brainiac Breed.”** They easily train to any discipline, collecting their gait is the work we start. They are very cooperative, willing and quick to learn. If you are a novice rider, we suggest working with a trainer who is familiar with this gentle breed.

The Adoption Process:

- Complete and return the application in full.
- Describe your ideal horse.
- Email requested photos noted on the application to SRFAdoption@gmail.com.
- Once received, we will speak with your references immediately.
- We will call to profile horses and make an appointment for you to meet them.
- **A required \$40 application fee is appreciated by check, Paypal or credit card. The application fee will be deducted from the adoption fee when you adopt.**
- Read the Adoption Contract.

The mission and goal of the Foundation is to find these horses good, loving, lifetime homes. In our 32 years of experience there have been rare occasions when an adopted horse was uncared for. It is for this reason that we require our detailed Caregiver Contract to be signed when adopting a horse. The agreement requires semi-annual veterinarian reports which coincides with your veterinarian visits in spring and fall for inoculations, so there is no charge to you. With over 4,500 adoptions this is the best means to be sure every horse remains well cared for.

SRF 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) **CANNOT be given away, sold, leased or transferred.** We ask you will find, assist us in finding a loving home that must also be approved by SRF. In the rare case a new home is not secured the horse must be returned to SRF. Transportation of your newly adopted horse is your responsibility. We look forward to finding you a great match!

Cordially, Adoption Coordinator

Email: SRFAdoption@gmail.com Any questions? Please call or email us.



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APPLICATION

Form must be filled out on desktop or laptop to submit electronically

Please check all that apply:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

When are you ready for a horse? Now 1 month 3-6 months Other _____

Is there a particular horse you are interested in? If so, please note the horse's name _____

Name of Applicant _____ Age (Must be at least 18 years old) _____

Address _____

If Rural Route, include actual street name and address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Work Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Where is the best place to reach you between the hours of 9-5 EST? Home Cell Work Email

Employer Name _____ Length of employment _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you interested in a horse in need of rehabilitation such as gaining weight, hoof care, time so he/she can know that he/she is safe, etc? Yes No

Horse Handling

Riding experience: (check level) New around equines Comfortable at a walk
 Some Trotting Comfortable at a canter Comfortable at all gaits

How long has it been since you have cared for a horse? _____

What care have you personally provided for a horse or pony in the past? _____

How long has it been since you've ridden a horse? _____

Briefly describe riding experience: _____

Height & weight of person who will be riding: Height _____ Weight _____

Who will use the horse the majority of the time? _____

Can you handle a testy horse that (check all that apply):

- Mounting blocked Barn sour Bucking Bolting Head tossing
 Hopping Comfortable with equines in various testy situations

Please check all you have experience with and what level: 1 being inexperienced to 10 being expert.

Tacking a horse - Insert level 1-10 _____

Handling a horse - Insert level 1-10 _____

Lunging a horse - Insert level 1-10 _____

Taking a horse from pasture when other horses are present. - Insert level 1-10 _____

Loading and unloading a horse in trailer - Insert level 1-10 _____

How would you rate yourself in regard to care and riding? - Insert level 1-10 _____

How would you rate the main rider of horse, if not applicant? - Insert level 1-10 _____

Horse Preferences

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

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

Please list any other animals (dogs, cats, cows, etc) you have, and their names: _____

Gender Gelding Mare

Color No preference Black Bay (more readily available) Other: _____

Age of horse: No Preference Young (2-12) Teenager (13-19) Seasoned (20+)

Size: No Preference 14-15 hands (*average size*) 15-16 hands 16+ hands

How will you use your horse?

Trail/Pleasure Shows/Event Driving (Please explain) Other _____

On an average how many days per week will this horse be ridden or driven? _____

Period of time each session during the first week at: _____ Walk _____ Trot _____ Canter

How soon will you start working with, or ride once your horse arrives to you? _____

Stabling Information/Stabling at Home Information

Full board can range from \$250 to \$750 monthly. Depending on grass available – horses need free choice hay and once at a good weight, depending on the horse, daily grain, vet care and farrier care.

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

Name of facility _____ Website (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (____) _____ Name of Contact Person _____

Will your horse be stalled, if so what size: _____

Will your horse be living outside in a shed? Describe shed _____

Type of flooring in shelter: _____

What type of fencing encloses the turnout area? _____

What is approx. size of the turnout area: _____ Appx. Number of horses at the facility? _____

How long will your horse be turned out each day? _____

What type of hay is used & in what amount per day? _____

What arrangements have been made to provide clean water for the horse 24/7? _____

Do you use a veterinarian for vaccinations? _____

Applicant References

(Please do not use family members)

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

(Please call your vet to inform him/her that they will be expecting our call, please authorize your vet to share your information to us. We appreciate their quick response to our call.)

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

(Please call your vet to inform him/her that they will be expecting our call, please authorize your vet to share your information to us. We appreciate their quick response to our call .)

- NAME OF YOUR FARRIER (no relatives): _____ Phone# _____
How long have you used this farrier? _____

- NAME OF TRAINER (Optional): _____ Phone# _____

• Name of Personal (work or school): _____ Phone #: _____
 • Neighbor (cannot be a relative): _____ Phone #: _____
 Address/City/St/Zip: _____
 • Emergency Contact Person _____
 Phone# _____ Relationship to you: _____

How do you rate yourself in equine knowledge and care? (circle/check one)

New to it Some experience Good Excellent Advance

On a scale, what is your ability to post to trot for more than a few minutes? - Insert level 1-5 _____

Which gaits, if any, are you comfortable riding alone without anyone nearby? (circle/check one)

Not comfortable riding alone Walk Trot Canter

Please describe your ideal horse: _____

Photos REQUIRED Prior to Finalizing Application

You may email your photos to **SRFAdoption@gmail.com** or snail mail photos.

Close-up pictures are appreciated

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| 1. Barn and/or run-in shed, in& out. | 2. Hay, grain, grain containers & storage areas. |
| 3. Inside of stall/shelter including flooring | 4. Turnout(s) all fencing & water provisions. |
| 5. Other horses at facility, if applicable | 6. Any other animals currently in your care |

If you are unsure how to answer a question, or would like to speak to someone, please do not hesitate to call our office or email us at: 609-738-3255, Email: SRFAdoption@gmail.com

Checklist:

- Included description of your ideal horse
- Answered all questions
- Attached photos or emailed to SRFAdoption@gmail.com
- Signed and dated the application
- A \$40 application fee is required by check, Paypal or credit card. The application fee will be deducted from the adoption fee when you adopt.**

 Signature of Applicant (Applicant must be at least 18 years of age)

 Date

When applying online, if you do not receive a confirmation email from Adobe Sign stating that your form was submitted, then SRF has not received your application. When applying via email or mail, SRF will contact you upon receipt of your application. If you do not receive a confirmation within 24 hours (business hours), please follow-up with our office at 609-738-3255 or srfadoption@gmail.com.