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**Standardbred Retirement Foundation**

42 Arneytown-Hornerstown Rd.  
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P: 609-738-3255  
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Email: [SRFAdoption@gmail.com](mailto:SRFAdoption@gmail.com)  
[www.AdoptaHorse.org](http://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 Process:**

- Complete and return the application in full.
- Read and fill out the Contract.
- Describe your ideal horse.
- Email requested photos noted on the application to [SRFAdoption@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

The mission and goal of the Foundation is to find these horses good, loving, lifetime homes. In our 33 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](mailto:SRFAdoption@gmail.com) Any questions? Please call or email us.



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## APPLICATION

**Applications may be filled out online, or printed, faxed or mailed.**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Age (Must be at least 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_  
(If an organization, Name the responsible party above)

**Check all that apply (Information on their differences is at AdoptaHorse.org)**

**I am applying for:**

- Adoption
- Foster
- Adoption Partner
- CHAPS
- Organization Approval

**Is this application for a specific horse?**  Yes  No

**Name of Horse** \_\_\_\_\_

Freeze Brand or Auction Tag (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THIS FOR A HORSE IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT FROM A SLAUGHTER SITUATION?**

YES  NO

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

I am interested in a horse for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **HORSE PREFERENCES, AND INTEREST**

(Organizations do not need to complete)

Are you interested in riding or driving the horse?  Yes  No  Both

Are you interested in a horse in need of rehabilitation such as gaining weight, resting, etc?  Yes  No

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 (In Hands):  No Preference  14-15 (average size)  15-16  16+

Please describe your ideal horse: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **STABLING INFORMATION or STABLING AT HOME INFORMATION**

**(Board can range from \$250 to \$750 monthly. (Horses are grazing animals and need free choice hay or constant grass)**

This horse(s) will be stabled at  Boarding Facility  Home  My property, other than home  Organizations Property

Name of facility \_\_\_\_\_ Website (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the primary caretaker of the horse(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How many years of experience does the caretaker personally have caring for a horse(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last time the caretaker had this responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your horse(s) be stalled, if so what size: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your horse(s) 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 in the area ? \_ \_\_\_\_\_

How long will your horse(s) 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? \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION**  
**ONLY IF YOU WILL BE RIDING YOUR HORSE**  
**(Organizations do not need to complete)**

Who will use the horse the majority of the time? Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_.

Briefly describe the rider's riding experience: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all the experience of the rider: (check level):**

- New around Equines     Some experience     Comfortable at a walk     Comfortable trotting  
 Comfortable at a canter     Comfortable at all gaits     Comfortable at all gaits with no one around.

**Please Note the level of the riders experience: 1 being inexperienced to 10 being expert.**

Taking a horse from the 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 the main rider of the horse - Insert level 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that the main rider can handle:**

- Mounting block     Barn sour bucking     Bolting     Head tossing  
 Hopping     Comfortable with equines in various test situations

Will the rider have a mentor?  yes  no

Name of Mentor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Height & weight of person who will be riding: Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT REFERENCES

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.

(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? \_\_\_\_\_
- EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_
- NAME OF YOUR FARRIER (no relatives): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you used this farrier? \_\_\_\_\_
- NAME OF NEIGHBOR (cannot be a relative): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Address/City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- NAME OF TRAINER (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_
- NAME OF PERSONAL REFERENCE:: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## PHOTOS REQUIRED

You may email your photos to [SRFAdoption@gmail.com](mailto:SRFAdoption@gmail.com) or snail mail photos.

Close-up pictures are appreciated

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](mailto:SRFAdoption@gmail.com)**

## CHECKLIST:

- Answered all questions
- Attached photos or emailed to [SRFAdoption@gmail.com](mailto: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)      Print Name      Date

Once submitted you will receive confirmation within 24 business hours that it was received.. 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](mailto:srfadoption@gmail.com)

Thank you!



## Background Screening Consent Form

Applicant's Legal Name (printed)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge receipt of the DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and certify that I have read and understand this document and authorize this information to be obtained either in writing or online in connection with my application:

- Local & National Criminal background records/information
- All 50 State Sex Offender Registries
- Full Address Trace

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation, may obtain information about you from a third-party consumer reporting agency for participation purposes. A consumer report is a compilation of information that might affect your ability to participate with the Standardbred Retirement Foundation. Thus, you may be the subject of a "consumer report" which may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living. These reports may contain information regarding your criminal history, social security verification, motor vehicle records ("driving records"), verification of your education or employment history (including income), or other background checks.

To the extent permitted by law, The Standardbred Retirement Foundation may obtain consumer reports from any outside organization throughout the course of your participation.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing the application process**