



*Every Horse Has an Owner. Every Owner Has a Responsibility.*

**ILLINOIS EQUINE HUMANE CENTER, NFP  
ADOPTION APPLICATION**

The ILEHC requires all applications be submitted with a copy of a utility bill or some other form of residence verification, along with photos showing, at a minimum: fencing, gates, pasture, a barn/shelter photo and a photo showing the property. All adopters must be at least 21 years old.

**Personal Information**

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

Birth Date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

I am a citizen of the United States (circle one):   yes    no

Residence and Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you currently own or rent the home above? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Years with this Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Horse Experience**

Describe your experience with handling, caring for, riding, and/or training horses. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

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Have you ever adopted a horse before? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, from which organization and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a specific horse you are interested in adopting?

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Why do you want to adopt a horse from ILEHC?

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What is your intended use for this horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the annual cost to care for a horse (feed, vet, farrier, board, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing and able to cover the financial costs associated with owning a horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a beginner, intermediate or advanced rider? \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility/Property Information**

Will the horse be kept at your place of residence? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide the number of acres available for turn out. \_\_\_\_\_

If not, include location, property owner name, facility name, address, phone and email and the

names of any trainers at the facility. \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever boarded a horse at this facility before? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the manager or owner of the facility be willing to sign an ILEHC boarding agreement that states that they will contact ILEHC if you are not properly caring for the equine or are more than two months late paying a bill? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of shelter would be provided for the horse? \_\_\_\_\_

If in a barn, what size are the stalls? \_\_\_\_\_

If in a barn, how many hours per day are the horses turned out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the horse turned out (i.e., grass pasture, dirt paddock, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the size, and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

How many other horses in the barn, paddock or pasture? \_\_\_\_\_

If the horse is staying in a pasture, describe type/size of shelter in the paddock/pasture:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the type of fencing surrounding the paddock/pasture (we do not accept barb wire):

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will be feeding the horse, how often and what will be fed? \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Horse Information: Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.**

Have you previously owned a horse? If so, when, how long, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you currently own a horse? If so please state how many, how long and their current location?

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Date of last negative Coggins (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

In the past five years, have you given away or sold any horses? If yes, please explain.

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In the past five years, have you had any horses die while in your care? If yes, please explain.

\_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet a paper, please list all of the animals you have owned for the past five years (both living and deceased), including the animal's name, breed/kind, age, sex, whether the animal is still with you and if not, where it is now.

**References**

Veterinarian Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Farrier Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

List two references (include name/phone/email) who are familiar with your care and experience with horses:

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

**Humane Violations Check**

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a violation of the Humane Care for Animals Act? If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgment**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand I am applying to adopt an equine from Illinois Equine Humane Center, (hereinafter referred to as ILEHC). I understand that I must complete the application procedure and have the equine property or boarding facility inspected and approved before being allowed to adopt an equine from ILEHC. I understand that I may not be able to adopt the equine I am interested in for various reasons. In addition, I understand that ILEHC may perform a background check to verify my personal information as well as check for any criminal convictions. By signing this application, I agree that I have read and understand any applicable adoption policies of ILEHC.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant(s) signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please mail, email or fax application to:**

**ILLINOIS EQUINE HUMANE CENTER, NFP**  
47W635 Beith Road, Maple Park, IL 60151  
815-761-4937 (Phone)

Email: info@ilehc.org  
Fax: 815-366-8208

Illinois Equine Humane Center, NFP was established in 2008 exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide humane treatment and shelter while working as a clearinghouse to seek adoptive homes for all of Illinois' unwanted horses, regardless of breed and to educate the public and raise awareness for responsible equine ownership so that fewer horses end up in crisis.