



Finding the Right Home

Sometimes it becomes necessary to re-home equines. This can be an emotional and stressful process. Knowing the right questions to ask potential adopters can assist in the screening procedure. The following list of questions can be used as a guideline to assist in deciding if the potential adopter would be a good fit. No screening device is perfect, but an objective assessment of intent and level of commitment to the horse can make a big difference in successful re-homing. **ACE strongly suggests that releasing owners schedule a site visit to the new home before placement is finalized.**

Questions to ask of Potential Adopters

What is your experience with horses? Such as riding, actual care of feeding, mucking, training, groundwork.

What type of activities are you hoping to do with this horse?

Where will this horse be stabled? At your home or a boarding facility?

Is there a shade/shelter available?

If yes, what type: Barn stall Run in shed Other

What type of fencing is used for the pen/enclosure?

What size enclosure/turnout area is available?

How long will the horse be turned out each day?

Will the horse have access to turnout with other horses?

What type of hay do you plan on using?

How many times a day will the horse be fed?

What quantity of feed will be offered?

Will clean potable water be available 24 hours a day?

Will you use automatic watering devices or water tubs?

Will any vitamins or nutritional supplements be given?

How often will you have an Equine Veterinarian perform routine health checks?

How often will you have the teeth floated?

How often will the horse's feet be trimmed/re-shod?

Who will be responsible for training your horse?

How much do you anticipate spending yearly for:

Boarding____Feed____ Medical Care____ Farrier__ Training____

If your horse should become injured, or un-rideable, what will you do?

As horses age, they may require supplements to assist with pain in joints. Will you supply those if needed?

If something should happen to you, what is your plan to ensure the horse will be safe and who will be responsible for the horse's care?