THIS AGREEMENT is executed the day of 20 , by and between and **Safe Landing Horse Rescue**.

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**The Foster Agreement**

**YOUR INFORMATION:**

Name:

Location where horse will be kept

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

Mailing address if different from above:

City State Zip Code

Home phone #: Business phone #:

Cell phone #: Email address:

Opening your home to one or more of our horses helps far more than you may realize. By signing this agreement with us, you are approved to foster equines at the above address and you are a part of our foster home program that helps equines until they can be adopted into new homes. This agreement will remain in effect from the date of your signature until one year after the last equine owned by Safe Landing Horse Rescue is removed from your facility.

Safe Landing Horse Rescue subscribes to the equine standards of care as set forth by the Global Federation of Sanctuaries (GFAS) and requires all foster and adoptive homes to accept those standards of care that are part of this agreement.

*You agree to the following:*

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. You agree to accept and follow the standards of equine care as set forth by the Global Federation of Sanctuaries.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Your fostered equine is the property of Safe Landing Horse Rescue and may not be sold, leased, given away, assigned or disposed of, or have any interest in thereof transferred. If pregnant or with foal at side, the foal is the sole property of SLHR unless or until you agree to adopt said foal going through same procedures for adoption as any other SLHR horse. If pregnant, once foal is born SLHR will have a brand inspector come out after 1 month of age up to 4 months of age to get a proper brand inspection done into SLHR name, which at that time if foster wants to adopt foal, proper steps will be made to do so.

\_\_\_\_\_\_3. Our experience is that many foster homes end up adopting their fostered equine. You agree that you have two weeks from the time the equine is placed up for adoption to decide if you want to adopt the equine and seven days to submit the application for adoption. After that time, the equine is available for adoption to the first approved adopter.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. You agree not to change the location of the fostered equine until the new location is approved by Safe Landing Horse Rescue A temporary change of location of no more than seven (7) days is allowed. If you change the fostered equine’s veterinarian, you will provide the new veterinarian’s information to us within thirty (30) days of said change.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. You will not breed your fostered equine nor cause it to be branded.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. You agree that if you desire to cease fostering an equine for Safe Landing Horse Rescue you will give us a written notice/email/text/phone call at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date the equine must leave to allow us time to locate another foster home.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. You agree to allow potential adopters access to your fostered equine at our request and, of course, at convenience to you.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. In order to help us find an adoptive home, you agree to help us keep their individual profile pages up to date with current information and photos when needed.

9. If you bring in a foster equine that is in need of weight gain or recovery from an injury, you and Safe Landing Horse Rescue will set reasonable goals to get the equine at a recommended weight and/or healthy condition.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. As a foster home, you agree to accept responsibility for feeding, hoof trimming, worming and to provide veterinary care for illness and/or injury according to the fostered equine’s needs. SLHR will of course pay any vet bills that you are unable to so as not to hinder any care the equine may need.

11. Safe Landing Horse Rescue, will require the fostered equine to receive the recommended vaccinations. Please note that any Coggin’s test must be in the name Safe Landing Horse Rescue since we are the owner of the equine.

**Inspections, Return and Liability:**

\_\_\_\_\_1. You agree to permit one of our representatives to visit your property and your fostered equine should we request to do so. You also agree to take and forward photographs of your adopted equine and to provide information promptly as requested by Safe Landing Horse Rescue.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. If you fail to comply with any of the statements in this agreement or if Safe Landing Horse Rescue determines that the situation is undesirable for the well-being of the fostered equine according to the terms of this agreement and in the “Minimum Standards of Care,” Safe Landing Horse Rescue will make a reasonable attempt to assist you in meeting these standards. Should such attempts fail to correct the situation you agree to return the fostered equine to Safe Landing Horse Rescue upon our request. Should the equine be with foal, both will be returned to Safe Landing Horse Rescue

\_\_\_\_\_3. Safe Landing Horse Rescue makes no representations or guarantees about the soundness, abilities, temperament or health of the equine. You agree to accept all responsibility for any action or lien resulting from any action, directly or indirectly involving your fostered equine while it is in your care, and you agree that neither Safe Landing Horse Rescue nor its employees or agents will be liable for any damages or injury caused to you or any third person by your fostered equine once you receive delivery of the equine, including but not limited to damages or injuries caused by the fact that the equine does not behave or perform in the manner expected. If any third person makes a claim against Safe Landing Horse Rescue or any of its employees or agents as a result of any conduct of the equine in your possession, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless Safe Landing Horse Rescue its directors, officers, employees and agents from any such claim, including costs and attorney's fee resulting from such claim.

\_\_\_\_\_4. This agreement shall be legally binding upon you and/or as the parents or legal guardians of a minor, your heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state of Colorado and county of El Paso, being the Safe Landing Horse Rescue principle location. Any dispute under this agreement shall be litigated in and venue shall be the State of Colorado and the County of El Paso. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. You understand that Safe Landing Horse Rescue will immediately proceed with legal action against you should any attempt be made on your part to deny immediate access to the equine upon a request by a representative of Safe Landing Horse Rescue or for any violation of any terms of this agreement. Should you deny or fail to provide immediate access to your fostered equine when requested you will bear all costs of enforcement of this agreement.

***I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_have read and accept the terms, conditions that pertain to my acceptance of a fostered equine.***

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Signature of Foster Home Date

This contract is hereby accepted on behalf of Safe Landing Horse Rescue by:

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Signature of Safe Landing Horse Rescue Officer Date

Printed Name of Safe Landing Horse Rescue Officer

*(Certain fees and expenses may be tax deductible by the foster. The foster should consult his/her independent tax advisor to determine deductibility.)*

**Minimum Standards of Care**

The following guidelines are applicable to general equine management practices as set by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and are required of all persons fostering an equine from Safe Landing Horse Rescue. While not comprehensive, they offer basic parameters for responsible equine ownership. The number of equines should never exceed the ability of the foster to feed and care for them properly. Such limits are dependent not only upon the physical health of the individual but also the financial ability to maintain proper management. In addition, any individual keeping equines must comply with all relevant state and local laws.

**\_\_\_\_\_ General Management Practices**

Various types of enclosure are available to confine equines, including, but not limited to: stalls, dry lots or pastures. In addition, equines shall be provided sufficient opportunity and space to exercise daily and have freedom of movement as necessary to reduce stress and maintain good physical condition. Space and provisions for exercise shall be appropriate for the age, condition and size of the equine.

Group pasturing of compatible equines to allow social interaction is encouraged. If equines are individually stalled, they must be able to make visual contact with other equines, unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian for the safety of the equine in question or other equines at the facility.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Facility Requirements**

The following are requirements in order to foster an equine, however, all will be considered on a case-by-case basis:

**B – Shelter** A recommended 12x12 foot stall per standard size equine in barn with turnout or pasture; **OR** a three-sided run-in shelter with a recommended 12x12 feet, however, the minimum acceptable space is 10X10 foot stall or run-in area per standard size equine. Equines shall be provided with shelter that gives protection from extreme weather including but not limited to: prevailing wind, snow, sleet, rain, sun, and temperature extremes. Stalls and shelters shall be constructed to provide sufficient space for each equine to turn around, lie down, and move freely and to allow free air flow. Shelters may be constructed to have removable sides during the summer. All enclosures, stalls and/or shelters shall be kept in good repair and free of standing water, accumulated waste, sharp objects and debris. If the barn or shelter is metal, the exposed metal on the inside of the stall and/or shelter shall be covered with ¾” -1” plywood or 2”x6” boards. There should be no exposed nails or other objects that could potentially cause injury to the equine.

**C - Water**

The foster shall provide troughs or individual water sources to offer adequate and clean water for all equines. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and free of hazardous contaminants. Use of defroster to prevent freezing in inclement weather is recommended. Equines that are being trained, worked, ridden or transported shall be provided water as often as necessary for their health and comfort. Frequency of watering shall take into consideration the age, condition and size of the equine, activity level and climatic conditions.

**D - Feed and Storage**

Equines shall receive at a minimum the equivalent of 3% of their body weight per day in high quality forage and grain. If natural forage is insufficient in quality or quantity, quality hay representative of choice grasses in the local area shall supplement the diet. Diet shall be planned with consideration for the age, condition, size, and activity level of the equine. If more than one animal is fed at the same place and time, it shall be the responsibility of the adopter to ensure that each equine receives nutrition in sufficient quantity. If necessary, equines shall be separated to ensure each has access to adequate nutrition without interference from more dominant equine. Individual feed buckets or pans should be provided for each equine. All storage and feeding receptacles shall be kept clean and free of contaminants, such as feces, mold, mildew, rodents and insects.

**E – Fencing**

Fencing shall be of solid construction, without sharp edges and visible to equines; electric fencing is acceptable. Fencing shall be monitored on a regular basis to ensure its safety and effectiveness is maintained.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinations, Dental Care, Hoof Care, Worming and Coggins**

Yearly vaccinations are required. Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Flu/Rhino, Tetanus, Rabies, West Nile and any other inoculations your veterinarian recommends for endemic diseases are mandatory. All equine must be kept on a regular deworming program. Proper hoof care is required to be done as often as necessary to maintain sound hooves.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Maintaining Health**

All equine must maintain weight and condition. Cuts, sores and illnesses which normal animal husbandry practices would require veterinarian care must be attended to immediately by a licensed veterinarian.

***I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_have read and accept the terms, conditions and above-stated regulations that pertain to my acceptance and placement of the equine.***

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Signature of Foster Home Date