

Screening Questions

1. Ask Potential Home:

A- The signs/causes of horse medical Emergencies such as: Colic, Founder/Laminitis and how the potential new adopter would respond. (Colic should be well known by the applicant and how to address this emergency.)	A. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
B- Adopter to confirm they are willing to sign and abide by a contract if approved.	B. _____ _____ _____
C- What is the size of the fenced property where the horse will be living, and how many horses will be in that area.	C. _____ _____ _____ _____
D- To describe the provided shelter and the fencing of the area the horse will be kept.	D. _____ _____ _____ _____
F- The amount and type of feed, provided to the horse and how often.	F. _____ _____ _____ _____

2.Asks the following to the applicant's veterinarian:

A- How long have they cared for the potential new adopter's horses? (It is of concern if it has been less than two years, or if they see the horse less than twice a year.)	A. _____ _____ _____
B- How would they describe the potential new adopter's level of horse handling experience - Rate on a scale of 1-5, 5 being excellent (3 or lower requiring further explanation.)	B. _____ _____ _____ _____
C- How would they describe the potential new adopter's current horse's condition on the Henneke scale 1-7.(Should be 5.)	C. _____ _____
D- Does the potential new adopter keep up to date with regular vaccines and care, and do they contact for emergencies when appropriate?	D. _____ _____ _____
E- Do you feel like the location is safe, and can accommodate another horse?	E. _____ _____ _____
F- Have you ever had any issues with payment?	F. _____ _____ _____
G - Generally, are they the same horses you care for or do you see horses come and go from the owner's care?	G. _____ _____ _____
H- Are you aware of any abuse or neglect of animals?	H. _____ _____ _____
I- Would you give them your horse?	I. _____ _____

3.Asks the following to the applicant's farrier:

A- How long have they worked with the potential new adopter's horses, and how often do they trim/shoe for the applicant?	A. _____ _____ _____
B- Describe the adequacy of the location the potential new adopter keeps any current horse/s. Ex; Fencing safe, no debris laying around, adequate shelter, large enough for the number of horses?	B. _____ _____ _____ _____
C- Describe the potential new adopter's horse- handling abilities. Rate on a scale of 1-5 (3 or lower requiring further explanation.)	C. _____ _____ _____ _____
D- Has the potential new adopter's mentioned what they want to do with the new horse?	D. _____ _____ _____ _____
E- Have you ever had an issues with payment? Generally, are they the same horses you care for or do you see horses come and go from the owner's care? Are you aware of any abuse or neglect of animals? Would you give them your horse?	E. _____ _____ _____ _____
F- If you needed a home for your horse, would you give it to them?	F. _____ _____ _____

4.Asks the following to the applicant's trainer:

A- How long have you trained the potential new adopter?	A. _____ _____
B- Describe the potential new adopter's horse handling abilities on a scale from 1-5 (3 requiring further explanation)	B. _____ _____ _____ _____
C- Describe the potential adopters horse riding abilities on a scale from 1-5 (3 requiring further explanation)	C. _____ _____ _____ _____
D- What are your primary riding disciplines?	D. _____ _____ _____ _____
E- What will the potential new adopter's horse be used for?	E. _____ _____ _____ _____

5.Asks the following to the applicant's personal reference:

A- How long have you known the potential new adopter, and in what capacity.	A. _____ _____ _____
B- Describe the potential new adopter's horse handling experience.(If reference is a knowledgeable horse handler) Rate on a scale of 1-5 with 3 or lower requiring further explanation.	B. _____ _____ _____ _____
C- Describe where the potential new adopter keeps their horses Ex; Fencing,Shelter, Etc.	C. _____ _____ _____ _____
D- Has the potential new adopter had horses before? If so, what happened to them?	D. _____ _____ _____ _____
E- Do you know what the potential new adopter's plans to use the horse for.	E. _____ _____
F- How would you rate the potential new adopter's care of their animals from 1-5?	F. _____ _____
G- Do you have any concerns about the safety of the animals on their property. Are you aware of any abuse or neglect?	G. _____ _____ _____ _____
H- If you needed a home for your horse, Would you give it to them?	H. _____ _____ _____

6.Asks the following to the applicant's neighbor reference:

A- How close do you live to the potential new adopter, and how many years have they lived there?	A. _____ _____ _____
B- Does the potential new adopter have animals on their property? Can you see them from your home?	B. _____ _____ _____
C- How would you rate the care of their animals? Please rate on a scale of 1-5, (3 or lower require further explanation)	C. _____ _____ _____ _____
D- Do you have any concerns about the safety of the animals on their property?Are you aware of any abuse or neglect?	D. _____ _____ _____ _____
E- Have any animals been removed from the property by authorities?	E. _____ _____ _____ _____
F- Are the animals long term residents or does the applicant have different animals regularly?	F. _____ _____ _____ _____
G- Do you know if they lease, rent, or own the property?	G. _____ _____ _____ _____

7. Asks the following to the applicant's boarding facility:

A- How many acres are fenced?	A. _____ _____ _____
B- Describe the shelter and fencing of the facility.	B. _____ _____ _____
C- If full boarding, what hay and grain do you use?	C. _____ _____ _____ _____
D- If full board, how are the horses watered and how often is it checked?	D. _____ _____ _____
E- If the potential new adopter is a current boarder, how would you rate their horse handling ability on a Scale 1-5?	E. _____ _____ _____ _____
F- Do you own or lease the facility, if facility is leased get the name of the owner.	F. _____ _____ _____
G- Will they sign a lien release agreeing that: In the event of delinquency of payment by the potential new adopter, no lien shall be placed on the horse by the barn. The barn should contact the Adoptee who will take the horse back.	G. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____