

SHARE Adoption Procedures

1. Please select a specific horse or horses you are interested in adopting. If we have a well-broke or kid-safe horse, it will say on their description. We do not frequently get those horses in the rescue. We are not able to maintain a wait list. If you are looking for that kind of horse, the best thing is to follow us on Facebook, join our monthly e-newsletter mailing list, and keep checking our adoption list. If you would like guidance on which of our young horses, green horses, or pasture pets would be best for your situation, we are happy to make recommendations.
2. Fill out our adoption application. If the application does not work for you, you can answer the questions in an email and send it to sharehorses@gmail.com
3. Email us photos of your current horses and barn and pastures. If you can't email photos, contact us and we'll discuss other arrangements. Home visits are a huge drain on our volunteers so we would like to help potential adopters ensure the home visit will have a positive outcome. Our home visit checklist will let you know of the kind of issues we are looking for.
4. We will email you to follow-up with any additional questions and then to setup an appointment for you to visit the horses you are interested in. We typically schedule these on the weekends or evenings. Please feel free to email sharehorses@gmail.com to follow up. Email is the best way to reach us.
5. Contact your vet and farrier, or if you are a new horse owner, another reference as discussed to get your reference letters. Ideally these letters will be faxed to 217-355-5027 or mailed to SHARE, P.O. Box 6933, Champaign, IL 61825. As a last resort, these can be emailed to sharehorses@gmail.com.
6. At the appointment to meet the horse, you can work with the horse, ride it if it is started under saddle, and in general try it out as you would a horse that is for sale. We reserve the right to stop anything that may be harmful to the horse or to you.
7. If you wish to proceed with adopting a horse, a deposit of 50% of the adoption fee is required. We'll mark the horse as adoption pending and work on scheduling your home visit, although we prefer to receive your reference letters before the home visit. We collect this deposit before our facility visit as these visits are a significant drain of volunteer time and fuel expense.
8. Our volunteers will visit your property or boarding facility to ensure it is a safe place for the horse. Please review our home visit checklist to look for any issues you might want to address beforehand.
9. If you continue with the adoption, you will be required to pay the remainder of the adoption fee which is set by the board of directors for each animal. We will continue to inspect the animal for two years.
10. If at any time the animal is not being properly cared for SHARE has the right to seize the animal.