

Foster Care

Application Packet



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HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME A FOSTER CAREGIVER

- Contact Curly Horse Rescue and request a Foster Application
- When you receive your Application packet, there will be two sections:
- responsibilities section, and
- application.
- Read and initial the Foster Responsibilities.
- Fill out the application packet.
- Make sure that you provide clear photos of the facility where the horse will be staying. The more photos the better!
- Send in the Completed Foster Responsibilities and Application packet along with the photos.
- A CHR Foster Liaison will contact you to let you know CHR received the application and will go over the application to make sure everything is complete.
- Once the paperwork is complete, a Foster Liaison from CHR will contact you and let you know the status of your approval.
- If approved, read and sign the release of liability form



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Definitions:

For the purpose of this document, the following definitions and terms will be used:

- **Curly Horse Rescue, Inc.:** referred to as “CHR”
- **Curly Horse Rescue, Inc. Board of Directors:** referred to as “CHR Board”
- **Foster Liaison:** person appointed by the CHR Board to coordinate between the approved Foster Home and Foster Care Giver and the CHR Board.
- **Foster Home:** Temporary homes which provide housing and rehabilitation to a rescued horse which is owned by CHR.
- **Foster Care Giver:** An individual who has signed the foster application form, and has been approved by the CHR Board.
- **Foster Horse:** A horse owned by CHR who is being fostered at an approved Foster Home.

As you read the Foster Care guidelines and responsibilities, please check the box next to each section to indicate that you have read and understood each item.

1. **Approval:** Foster homes must be approved by majority vote of the CHR Board.
2. **Subjects and Liability:** Foster care homes are subject to filling out the Foster Application Form, and the CHR Liability Waiver.

FOSTER CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Foster Home for the Curly Horse Rescue, Inc ("CHR") it will be your responsibility to:

1. Provide an adequate shelter and safe turn-out for any horse(s) in your care. Minimum standards include the following:
 - a. Shelter: must provide adequate protection from the elements and range from a roof to a fully enclosed shelter based on the location of the foster home, weather patterns and climate.
 - i. Winter: Minimum Standard shelter must include a roof and block the North wind with at least a two-sided wind-break for the horse to get out of the elements; Preferred minimum standard: Three sided windbreak/shed with roof.
 - ii. Summer: Shelter must provide for shade. Minimum standard: trees, Preferred minimum standard: structure with roof to provide shade,
 - iii. Ratio: Shelter shall be provided in such a manner that each horse has access to shelter without overcrowding or exclusion. Preferred allowance is 144 square feet per horse (equivalent to one 12x12 "stall" area) *example is a 12x48 loafing shed having a maximum capacity of 4 horses*.
 - b. Turn-out:
 - i. Fencing: Minimum standards for fencing will provide for a safe enclosure with the fence kept in good repair and be high enough to discourage jumping the fence. Preferred: electric rope, electric tape, board fence, pipe fence, non-climb horse fence, horse safe braided wire, or horse safe panels. 5' high or higher preferred. Minimum standard for rope/tape/braid: Two strands of electric rope or tape. Preferred standard: three strands or more of electric rope, tape, or braid.
 - ii. Barbed Wire Fencing: If barbed wire is present, barbed wire fencing must be protected with a barrier or hot wire to discourage the horse from getting too close to the fence. Livestock load/ratio with barbed wire enclosure shall house no more than two (2) horses per acre. Barbed wire shall not enclose a pen smaller than 1 acre.
 - iii. T-posts: it is preferred, but not required, that t-posts be topped with a protective topper.
 - iv. Ratio: Turn out ratio shall allow for free movement of horses and not lead to overcrowded conditions.
2. To provide adequate nutrition to the foster horse in order to maintain and ideal body condition as indicated by the Henneke Body Condition Score chart. Ideal body condition will range between 4.5 and 6 depending on horse. Provide adequate supplementation to include a ration of grain if hay alone can't satisfy the caloric needs of the horse, and to provide a balanced supply of salt, and minerals as needed taking into consideration the nutritional and supplemental needs to

- support any medical needs. (example include: geriatric, underweight, laminitic, arthritic, etc.)
3. Feeding schedule: To create a feeding schedule based on the horses condition and nutritional needs upon arrival. CHR will assist the Foster Home if needed. To supply documentation of any changes to feed type or feeding schedule as they occur.
 - a. Feed: To provide documentation of any special feeding needs the horse has, or any special diet the horse requires.
 - b. Supplements: To provide documentation of any extra supplementation needed upon arrival of the horse; thereafter to provide documentation of any supplements required as the need arises.
 4. Provide for necessary medical and veterinary care for health problems, any injuries or chronic conditions whether they are pre-existing or occur while in the care of the foster home. etc.
 - a. Veterinary care: To provide documentation of veterinary care needed upon arrival; thereafter to provide documentation of veterinary care when the need arises.
 5. Provide for hoof care, de-worming, vaccinating, etc as needed on recommendation of the attending veterinarian and/or farrier
 6. Training: To train or allow training or retraining as deemed necessary, utilizing humane and gentle training techniques. This would include training, to include but not limited to, help regain trust in humans; overcome fears and other behavioral issue such as are found in a shy or frightened horse or a previously abused horse.
 7. Updates: To provide accurate weekly updates on the horse's condition, with continued recommendations on any further care for the first 4 weeks unless the horse is in need of rehabilitative care for nutritional, physical, or emotional problems. If the horse has special needs regarding nutrition, physical or emotional problems, weekly updates will be required until such time as CHR deems the horse is more stable, and then updates can be extended to monthly.
 8. Examination: To completely examine the horse upon arrival for signs of injury or illness and to promptly report any illness or injury noted; thereafter to examine the horse on a regular basis and report any illness or injury noted.
 9. Documentation: To provide accurate, up-to-date, periodic photos and reports on the condition of the horse to CHR at the following schedule: *These reports will utilize the "CHR Foster Horse Body Condition and Health Assessment" Form. The documentation to be provided is as follows:
 - Photos: To be provided within one week of arrival at the foster care facility: Clear photos showing all 4 sides of the horse, plus front and back; thereafter to be provided at the request of CHR.
 - Assessment: To provide an assessment of the horses body condition upon arrival at the Foster Home; (refer to the Henneke Body Score Chart) thereafter to provide periodic assessments of the horse's condition at the request of CHR.
 10. Financial Responsibility: To be financially responsible for the cost of feed, supplements, wormers, antibiotics, hoof care, vaccinations and other approved

- routine equine expenses. Expenses are considered a donation to Curly Horse Rescue. If reimbursement is requested, expenses for these items will be reimbursed by Curly Horse Rescue if funds are available for that month.
11. Reimbursements: If the Foster Care Giver wishes to request reimbursement for expenses, the Foster Care Giver will be required to turn in documentation and/or copy of receipts of expenses for reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement shall be turned in no later than the last day of the month for the month to be reimbursed. Reimbursement will be made on a month to month basis, and will be made only if funds are available for that particular month. There is no guarantee that a foster home will be reimbursed for expenses.
 - a. Routine Care: Reimbursements will be made only if funds are available for that month. Routine care shall include the cost of feed, supplements, anthelmintics, antibiotics, hoof care, vaccinations, coggin's tests and other approved routine equine expenses.
 - b. Non-Routine and Emergency Care: CHR will set a maximum amount of allowable expenses for emergency purposes based on money available. This amount is not guaranteed and may fluctuate. If expenses for an emergency are expected to exceed the maximum amount allowable, the Foster Care Giver must notify the Curly Horse Rescue, and the CHR will decide on a course of action
 12. Restrictions: Foster Homes are not allowed to use any fostered horse for breeding purposes. AT NO TIME shall any foster horse (stallion or mare) be allowed to breed while in foster care. All precautions shall be made to separate mares and stallions behind secure and safe fencing where no physical contact can be made by either the stallion or the mare.
 13. Termination of Foster Contract: Sixty (60) day's notice in writing from the Foster Caregiver listed in this document is required to terminate this Foster Care Agreement.

CURLY HORSE RESCUE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Contact Person: To provide a CHR contact person with email and telephone number for any questions, problems, etc.
2. Assistance: To provide assistance via recommendations of veterinarians, farriers, haulers, feeding schedules, supplements, etc.
3. Reimbursement: To provide reimbursement if funds are available to the Foster Caregiver to cover the cost of routine expenses, non-routine expenses, and emergency Veterinary expenses.
4. Fundraising: To engage in fundraising activities and attempt to garner donations of money to cover routine, non-routine, and emergency expenses, as well as money to cover the cost of training, retraining, and other expenses as they are approved by the CHR.
5. Advertising: To advertise and network for the adoption and placement of the horse(s) in foster care;
6. Research: To help research the cost of routine care for a horse and work with the Foster Care Giver to create a working budget for routine expenses.

ADOPTION

Definition of Adoption: Adoption is defined as the transfer of ownership and permanent placement of a CHR owned horse into a home.

→ Priority: As a Foster home for Curly Horse Rescue, Inc., CHR understands that there may be times when the Foster home may form a bond or connection with a horse that they may foster, and wish to add them to their home or farm. CHR will give first priority to a Foster Home as an Adopter should the foster wish to do so. The Foster Caregiver will need to fill out the appropriate forms in order to adopt the Foster Horse.



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FOSTER APPLICATION

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Other _____

E-mail address _____

Please answer the following questions completely. Please check all that apply. If more detail is needed, you may attach a separate piece of paper. Return completed application, with an original signature and your application fee to 910 US Route 2 Marshfield, VT 05658.

4. Have you ever fostered a Rescue before?

- Yes No

5. In the event the Foster horse has behavioral issues:

- I am experienced and intend to train the equine.
 I will hire my own trainer to retrain the equine. (subject to trainer approval by CHR)
 I would like to hire a trainer, but do not know of any.

6. Please list any/all other equines and/or animals you now have, the type, their names and their ages, and how long they have been with you:

Type of Animal	Age	Name	How Long has this animal been with you?

7. Will this horse be provided with an equine companion?

- Yes No

If yes, how many?

Number of companions: _____

8. What Shelter will be provided for the equine?

- Barn , give stall size _____
 Run-In Shed, give shed dimensions _____

How many horses will rely on this shed for shelter?

Number of horses: _____

9. What type of fencing encloses the turn-out area(s)?

Turn Out Area, list dimensions and type of turn-out. (pasture, paddock, pen)	Fencing, list fencing type here, height, style, and how many strands if rope, wire, or tape

10. How many horses will be turned out in this area?

Turn Out Area	How Many Horses?

11. How long will the equine be turned out each day?

12. Feeding Schedule: Please complete all information:

What type of Hay	
Quantity/Frequency	
Describe Storage	
What type of Grain	
Quantity/Frequency	
Describe Storage	

13. How will clean water be provided?

14. Describe the maintenance program and schedule you will implement to care for the equine: located on following page:

Worming/Parasite Control	
Farrier/Hoof Trimming/Shoeing	
Dental/Float Teeth	
Shots/Immunizations	

Curly Horse Rescue, Inc. requests pictures of the shelter and turn-out area where you intend to board/keep the equine. Curly Horse Rescue, Inc. also appreciate pictures of any animals you own now. These pictures can be sent to us via e-mail or you may send them through the postal service. The pictures will be returned promptly if you include a self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your interest, and please stay in contact with us by phone, email or letter to be up to date on the approval of your application.

Please complete the reference page

APPLICANT REFERENCES (please do not use immediate spouses, significant others or any family members) please specify relationship such as professional or personal for general references and how long you have known each other. Veterinarian and Farrier and at least two General references are mandatory. More than two General references are preferred.

Veterinarian:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

How long have you used this vet?

Farrier:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

How long have you used this farrier?

General:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Relationship? _____

General:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Relationship? _____

General:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship? _____

General:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship? _____

Emergency Contacts please fill in names and address of someone we can contact if you are unavailable:

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____

 Relationship? _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____

 Relationship? _____

Signature of applicant or person responsible for the equine's care if primary caregiver is under 18 years in age:

 (Print name)

 (Signature)

 Date

 (Witness if Required)

 Date

For Office Use Only:

Approval Status:	
Equine:	
Applicant:	
SS:	
Donation:	
Date of Placement:	