



GEMS Mustang Adoption Application

We appreciate your interest in adopting a mustang and/or burro from The Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary (GEMS)! To ensure that each one of our horses finds their forever home, our application asks several detailed questions. Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill it out. All information is kept confidential.

Name of horse(s) you are applying for:

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Monthly expenses can run upwards of \$4000 per year per horse. Are you prepared for these additional expenses in your budget?

Have you ever sold a horse, burro or other farm animal through an auction?

Have you ever been contacted by an Animal Control or Animal Welfare agency about animals in your care?

Have you ever surrendered an animal to a Humane Society, Rescue Organization, or Animal Control?

Professional References

Please provide contact information for the following. If you need references, we can help you locate them in your area.

Veterinarian: _____

Farrier: _____

Trainer: (required for *first-time horse* owners) _____

Horse Experience

Do you currently own, or have previously owned equines? (if yes, describe how many, how long, what is their purpose)

Have you ever rehomed an equine? Please explain your reasoning for doing so, and what you did to ensure the long-term care of your equine.

What is your level of riding/equine experience?

- Beginner: Rider is new around equines. Comfortable riding at a walk.
- Advanced Beginner: Comfortable at a walk & trot; feels uneasy with quick or unexpected movements by the horse.
- Intermediate: Comfortable at all gaits and can handle an equine that tests their rider.
- Advanced: Comfortable handling difficult equines in various situations and environments.
- Very Advanced: Has experience training equines or experience handling untrained/green equines.

What style of riding do you practice and at what level? (i.e. recreational, occasional shows, very competitive)

What is the height and approximate weight of the primary rider? (used to match rider with horse of appropriate size)

Adoption Questions

Is there a specific horse who you would like to adopt? If so, who? _____

What purpose to you intend for the horse you would like to adopt?

Please rank the importance of the following qualities in your prospective horse... (1 most important, 7 least important)

- Color _____
- Size _____
- Temperament _____
- Athleticism _____
- Age _____
- Energy _____
- Current Training _____

Facility Information

Size of corral, pasture/turnout:

Number of horses/other animals currently on property:

Available shelter (please describe):

Type of fencing (wood rail, pipe panels, field fencing, hot wire, hot tape, etc):

If you have T-posts, are they capped?

Where will the horse primarily be kept (pasture, stall, paddock):

If turnout is limited, how many hours of turnout a day will the horse receive?

Do you own or lease/rent the property where your horse will be living? And for how long?

If you lease/rent, do you have permission from the landlord to keep horses?

Will your horse/burro be boarded at an outside facility? If so, please provide the name, address and contact phone number of the facility.

Adoption Terms and Conditions

1. Adopter is legally and financially responsible for providing proper care and shelter. Adopter is to guard and protect the horse in his/her care from being subject to harm or endangerment, negligence, harassment or outright abuse
2. Adopter agrees to never sell, trade, or transfer ownership to any other person or place without first offering first right of refusal to Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary. The horse may never be sent to auction, sold to a horse dealer or kill buyer or offered "for free" on any advertising medium.
3. If for any reason the adopter can no longer provide for the equine, Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary must be notified and offered first right of refusal to arrange return of the equine to Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary. Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary will not be responsible for any encumbrances of any liens including feed/board liens.
4. Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary reserves the right to provide life-long follow-up to adoptions. With prior notification, GEMS may request a site visit at different intervals during the year.
5. A non-refundable \$250 deposit is required to place a horse in "adoption pending" status and the total adoption fee of \$_____ is due prior to the equine's departure from GEMS and must be paid by cash, cleared check, money order, or cashier's check. Adoption fees are neither negotiable nor refundable.
6. GEMS has subsidized 2-6+ months of training for every equine that is offered for adoption, however, some equines may require continued professional training.

By submitting this application:

- *I certify that I am over the age of 18 and that all information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*
- *I certify that I have no prior violations or convictions of inhumane treatment to animals.*
- *I have read, understood, and agree to all the adoption terms and conditions.*

signature

date

printed name