

**Hadley Farm Equine Center
University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Prospective Adopter Information

Adopter name _____ Date _____

Mailing address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____ Full or part-time? _____

UMass Alumni? YES / NO If so, year of graduation and major: _____

Name of Horse(s) Interested in _____

Why are you interested in adopting?

What level of work/riding expectations do you have for this horse?

Where would you board this horse? Please describe living arrangements, including feeding schedule, shelter, turnout, and companions.

References:

Name of stable (if not keeping at your home): _____

Name of stable owner: _____

Contact information (phone & email): _____

Name of veterinarian: _____

(Please note: The vet office must have you or your boarding facility down as a client.)

Contact information (phone & email): _____

Name of additional reference (not a family member): _____

Relationship? _____

Contact information (phone & email): _____

Adoption Requirements:

The University of Massachusetts Amherst makes no other warranties, express or implied, including the Warranties of fitness for a particular purpose. The University of Massachusetts Amherst makes no representation as to the Adopted horse’s behavior or temperament and does not warrant or guarantee the condition, soundness, temperament, or training of the adopted horse.

The prospective adopter agrees to the following pre-adoption requirements:

- (1) The University of Massachusetts equine faculty will perform up to three reference checks.
- (2) The University of Massachusetts equine faculty will perform a barn visit to inspect living arrangements.
- (3) Adopter has the option to review the condition and health of the horse, including any veterinarian examinations, at Adopter’s expense.

The prospective adopter agrees to the following terms for adoption:

- (1) The University of Massachusetts retains first right of refusal. If the adopter can no longer keep the horse, the buyer must notify the university.
- (2) Adopted Horse cannot be sold or transferred to a third party.
- (3) Adopted Horse cannot be used as a lesson or camp horse.
- (4) Adopted Horse must be fed a high-quality forage (approx. 2% body weight / 20 lbs total per day) at least three times per day and receive a minimum of 4 hours of turnout a day.
- (5) Adopted Horse must receive regular veterinary & farrier care, including vaccinations, deworming, dental floating and farrier services per veterinarian recommendations. At least one annual veterinary exam per year, annual core vaccines: EWT, Rabies & West Nile, annual dental float, biannual fecal float and appropriate deworming, and farrier services every 6-8 weeks.

I have read and agree to the terms outlined above. In addition, I have read the adoption contract and understand all fully disclosed health and behavioral issues with the identified horse(s).

Signature: _____ Date: _____