

FIRST LIGHT FARM EQUINE SHELTER
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Maine Equine Shelter Lic # F1091S

ADOPTION TERMS & REQUIREMENTS

- Adopters must be experienced in the care and handling of horses. Care and feeding instructions shall be provided according to each horse's needs.
- Three references are required including your veterinarian, your farrier or hoof care specialist and one personal reference.
- The adoption fee, which varies, is dependent upon the age and health of the horse. This adoption fee helps cover some of the costs incurred in bringing the horse back to good health. It may also reflect time spent for training and/or reschooling.
- The adopter shall provide yearly preventive inoculations, appropriate parasite control, dentistry (at least bi-annually), hoof care (trimmings or shoeing performed by a qualified farrier every 6-8 weeks) and veterinary care for illness or injury. The adopter shall notify First Light Farm Equine Shelter (FLFES) if the horse dies, whether accidentally, naturally or through humane means to end suffering. In the case of euthanasia, the situation must be urgent and the adopter will make every attempt to contact FLFES prior to destroying the horse.
- The adopter agrees to provide updates and photos as requested by FLFES.
- A barn, stable or three-sided, permanent structure with a roof (subject to FLFES approval) must be provided for shelter. A safe and secure pasture, paddock or corral must be provided for exercise. Shelter, stalls and paddocks shall be cleaned periodically as to provide a healthy living environment and to reduce the incident of parasite infestation.
- Horses that are not on pasture require appropriate portions of hay three times per day. Adopter shall feed to maintain a healthy weight.
- Fresh water must be available 24 hours per day.
- Stallions must be gelded and **breeding of mares is prohibited**.
- Sale, transfer, assignment or encumbrance of any horse adopted from FLFES is prohibited, however, the horse can be returned to FLFES if the adopter becomes financially or physically unable to care for the horse, or the horse is no longer wanted or needed.
- Location changes of the horse must be filed with FLFES.
- FLFES reserves the right to make site visits, to ensure the adopted horse is receiving appropriate care.
- FLFES reserves the right to repossess adopted animals if the terms and requirements as described above are not fulfilled.