

About Adopting a Horse

Thank you for your interest in adopting a horse from Wasatch Humane. It is a big financial and emotional commitment, for the lifetime of the horse, but very rewarding. Our horses are rescued and taken in from a variety of sources: owners who can no longer keep/care for them; feed lots on their way to slaughters out of state; even from the livestock auctions held every Sat. in Spanish Fork and every Tues in Ogden, where we bid against kill buyers to save at least some.

We do not have a central horse facility for our horses; instead, they live in volunteer foster homes throughout Northern Utah, with individuals and families who see to their daily care. We provide or reimburse our Approved Foster Homes with hay, farrier, and vet care, all at significant expense which is why we need donations and why we charge an adoption fee. Our foster homes are volunteers who offer shelter and TLC for our horses until they find their forever homes.

For our adoptive homes, we hope they will keep their commitment to their new horse by keeping it for its lifetime, as it is very traumatic on horses to be bounced around from home to home, for they form very tight bonds with their herds (fellow horses and humans alike.). Some of our horses are sound to ride, but need re-training to overcome specific behavioral challenges which are usually the result of harsh traditional training methods, many of which are excessive and even cruel. Our volunteer trainers are level 2 graduates of Parelli Natural Horsemanship, and use their skills to teach Level One PNH to our rideable horses, to help enhance their adoptability and ensure a successful adoption because the program teaches Love, Language and Leadership with horses. The adoption fee for these horses is \$750. We also strongly encourage (and sometimes require if it is a particularly challenging horse that has responded well to PNH) that the new home invest in the PNH tack and self-teaching Partnership Level One Kit (available at parelli.com) for the best chance for a lifelong partnership with their Wasatch Humane horse.

Others of our horses can no longer be ridden because of an injury or age,

but are sweet and friendly and have lots of companionship and joy to offer you and your single horse as pasture pals. Pasture pals are a great solution for people who love horses, have no interest to ride, but simply want to enjoy their companionship and being around them. Did you know that horses love to play with humans? You can have a fun, rewarding relationship with a horse just playing with them on the ground! We can teach you how. The adoption fee for these horses is \$300. Other considerations and requirements for adoption are safe fencing and basic shelter, and your experience level/interest/expectations for a horse.