

About Fostering a Horse

Dear Friend of Horses: Thank you for your interest in our horse-rescue and foster program and offering to foster horse(s).

By way of background, Wasatch humane has existed as a no-kill rescue organization since 1983, rescuing, neutering, and adopting more than 1,600 cats and dogs every year with just a small staff and several volunteers. Our office and adoption center is in Bountiful. We started also rescuing horses in 2003 and have since saved more than 50 horses from going to auction or to kill buyers to slaughter, all thanks to volunteers and donated funds.

Wasatch Humane does not have a facility for our horses. SO We can only help as many horses as we have people willing to foster and make donations. Wasatch Humane currently has 34 horses in our program awaiting adoption, all living in volunteer foster homes. Wasatch Humane provides or reimburses our foster homes for hay, any supplements, all vet and farrier care. The foster home is responsible for daily feeding, exercise, watering, and regular brushing, gentling if you feel confident, and of course TLC. Of course, if the foster home ends up falling in love with their fosterling, they have the first dibs to adopt at a reduced fee. Where horses are such gregarious, herd animals (a necessity for survival), we've found that people who have only one horse love to foster for us, because it gives their single horse the companionship they crave.

For our foster and adoptive homes, our requirements are: safe fencing (no barbed wire to avoid preventable tragedies we've seen too much of); basic shelter; constant access to fresh water.

We have more horses coming into the program regularly, which we can only accept if we have an available foster home. We would do our best to match you up with a horse that meets your expectations, level of experience, preferences etc.

We post all our horses on our website, will screen prospective adopters, and only refer them to you to meet the horse once we feel it may be a good home. The foster homes have input on the potential new home. The adoption fee for pasture pals (horses that cannot be ridden due to age or injury) is \$300. The adoption fee for sound horses is \$750. All of the horses are on the web site: www.wasatchhumane.org.

Please complete and mail or email 1 copy each of the volunteer application and foster agreement; keep one set for your records. When we receive the forms, we will contact you to set up an appointment to meet you and do a facility visit. We look forward to working with you and having your help...for the love of horses!

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