

## ADOPTION APPLICATION:

Name of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horses: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Use for Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Experience of Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have an Equine Vet? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone Number of Vet: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Address and Phone Number where horse will be kept:

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of horses at above location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether the horse will be stalled, kept in field with run in shed or other:

\_\_\_\_\_

If stalled, will horse receive regular turnout? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate size of turnout area: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fencing: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of Farrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be working with a trainer? \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and phone number of trainer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and phone number of 3 personal references:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name)

ADAPTING GAITS, INC.  
ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Terms of Adoption:

The following terms must be agreed to prior to adopting one of our horses. You can download the form for signature and then fax or mail back to us. Terms are as follows:

1. The horse adopted from Adapting Gaits, Inc. may never be raced.
2. The horse may need additional training in order to pursue a particular discipline or for pleasure riding.
3. It is agreed that this horse will never be sent to a slaughter facility. If the horse needs to be euthanized during the placement period defined in the placement agreement, it will be done in a humane manner by lethal injection administered by a licensed veterinarian. Proof of death must be provided, such as a veterinarian's invoice or written statement from a veterinarian.
4. Adapting Gaits, Inc. requests the right to visit the adopted horse after giving reasonable notice, such as 24 hours, to Adoptive Owner. If a horse is found to be in either poor condition, such as extremely thin, covered in visible open or healing wounds or other signs of poor care, mistreatment or squalid living conditions then Adapting Gaits, Inc. retains the right to repossess the horse without notice and without return of adoption fee. Adoption fees are non-refundable.
5. During the initial 3 month placement period, the named horse may only be transferred back to Adapting Gaits, Inc. During the initial placement period the adoptive owner may only release the horse from his/her direct supervision to Adapting Gaits, Inc. After successful completion of the Placement Period the horse will then be signed over to the adoptive owner. At times Adapting Gaits, Inc. will be working with show barns or trainers with whom we have established a trusted relationship and whereby Adapting Gaits, Inc. may waive the placement period allowing the trainers to adopt a horse and place them directly with one of their clients. Waiver of the placement period is to be granted in writing for each time it is waived. There will not be a general waiver granted to any individual.
6. If a horse is returned to Adapting Gaits, Inc. by an Adoptive Owner for any reason, the horse must be returned in the same or better condition as when it was adopted or the Adoptive Owner is responsible for any costs associated with the horse's ailments and recuperation from said ailments. Ailments may include but are not limited to: cuts and abrasions, respiratory illnesses or other ailment received while in the possession of the Adoptive Owner. The Adoptive Owner will also be responsible for transportation and costs associated with transport of the adopted horse to Adapting Gaits, Inc.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Horses are unpredictable animals. Additional training for both rider and equine may be necessary.
- Adapting Gaits, Inc. is not responsible for any damage to persons or property once the horse is adopted.
- Adapting Gaits, Inc. makes no guarantees either written or verbally about the soundness of any animal available for adoption. Adoptive Owners should have a pre-purchase veterinary exam to be paid by the Adoptive Owner.

I have read, understood and agree to the above terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ADAPTING GAITS, INC.  
PLACEMENT AGREEMENT

The recipient agrees to the following conditions and regulations:

1. During the first three months placement period, the named horse may only be transferred back to Adapting Gaits, Inc. During the placement period the Adoptive Owner may only release the horse from his/her direct supervision to Adapting Gaits, Inc. After successful completion of the placement period, the named horse will be signed over to the adoptive owner. If, at any time during the placement period, the adoptive owner decides that he/she can no longer care for the adopted horse, or should decide to sell or place the horse with another person, then Adapting Gaits, Inc. reserves the right of first refusal in taking the horse back into its program, at no cost to Adapting Gaits, Inc. Adoption fees are non-refundable.
2. The horse may not be raced, sold, given away, assigned or disposed of, nor have any interest in thereof transferred during the placement period. The horse may never be used for commercial purposes. Should a life-threatening situation arise, the named horse may only be humanly euthanized by a licensed veterinarian.
3. Adoptive Owner is responsible for all transportation costs at the time of adoption and back to Adapting Gaits, Inc. in the event of return to Adapting Gaits, Inc. or in the event of forfeiture for failure to comply with this placement agreement or any other agreements signed during the adoption process.
4. If the Adoptive Owner changes the location of the horse or changes the veterinarian during the placement period, then Adapting Gaits, Inc. must be notified within 5 days of said change.
5. Adoptive Owner is required to provide proper care such as feed, water, worming, farrier care, adequate fencing and shelter. Prior to adoption a site visit may be required to insure Adapting Gaits, Inc. that the facility is capable of providing proper care. A feeding regimen will be provided by Adapting Gaits, Inc. to adoptive owner upon adoption. If there are any medicines or supplements which will be required as part of the adoptive horses continuing care, all of the necessary instructions will also be provided to the adoptive owner prior to adoption. Adoptive Owner agrees to continue any treatments or supplements which are outlined by Adapting Gaits, Inc.
6. Adoptive Owner is required to have a licensed veterinarian administer spring and/or fall inoculations and dental care as recommended by their veterinarian.
7. The Adoptive Owner agrees to provide recommended veterinary care for illness and/or injury according to the horse's needs.
8. The adoptive owner agrees that the named horse will reside at:
9. If the adoptive owner fails to comply with any of these rules or regulations then Adapting Gaits, Inc. reserves the right to regain possession of the named horse. Adoptive owner will be responsible for any costs incurred in the repossession of the named horse including but not limited to transportation, veterinarian bills and reasonable attorney's fees.
10. I understand that there are risks involved in riding and being around horses. They are unpredictable by nature. Unexpected behaviors can cause injury to themselves,

you and other horses. Anyone riding or near a horse is at risk for bodily injury or property damage. In the event of personal injury, the recipient agrees to hold harmless and release Adapting Gaits, Inc. from any liability related to the horse. Adapting Gaits, Inc. makes no representations or guarantees as to the soundness, abilities, temperament or health of the horse.

The laws of the State of Tennessee shall govern this agreement and the parties herein agree to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Tennessee should any dispute arise hereunder.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature

Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
City State and Zip Code

Have read, understand and agree to the term, conditions and above-stated regulations that pertain to my acceptance and placement of:

\_\_\_\_\_, Age \_\_\_\_\_, Sex \_\_\_\_\_, Tattoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's Name

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the placement of the above-named horse.

Date of Placement: \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_