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## **Rainbow Meadows Retirement Program**

### Policies and Procedures

The equine retirement program at Rainbow Meadows is a 100% sponsored program for a select number of owner-surrender horses.

Below are the guidelines related to admission into the program and various stipulations regarding sponsorship:

- 1) The ownership of any prospective retired horse must be transferred to Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. by the completion of an Equine Transfer Form. This form will be provided by Rainbow Meadows;
- 2) A formal Retirement Agreement must be executed between legal owners of the horse and Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.;
- 3) Medical records, history of use or illness or injury or lameness and any behavioral issues must be provided to Rainbow Meadows prior to admission;
- 4) All related medical/wellness care and management decisions rest with Rainbow Meadows staff once the horse is admitted into the program;
- 5) The horse's annual retirement expenses must be totally sponsored with no less than monthly sponsorship donations received no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month;
- 6) The current sponsorship rate, which covers all daily care, routine maintenance, annual well-care (vaccinations, dental), routine farrier care, applicable parasite management, general first aid, humane euthanasia and burial, etc. is **\$425.00 per month in 2024**;
- 7) Aggressive medical care or surgery (severe founder, bone fracture, ligament or tendon damage, colic surgery, etc.) are not included in the sponsorship rate. It is our belief that most horses of retirement age should not be subjected to aggressive medical interventions and will be humanely euthanized. The decision

- to apply heroic efforts or peacefully end the life of the animal is made under the direction of our Executive Director and, if needed, a licensed Veterinarian;
- 8) The retirement of the equine and all associated sponsorship responsibilities are formalized with a Retirement Agreement between the financially responsible party and Rainbow Meadows;
  - 9) The decision to retire a horse IS NOT reversible without also agreeing to accept immediate repossession of the horse prior to the last day of sponsorship. Transportation of the horse from the Rainbow Meadows premises is the responsibility of the legal owner or designated representative and will be made at the convenience of Rainbow Meadows staff;
  - 10) Sponsorship rates will undoubtedly have to increase over time due to increasing maintenance costs (grain, hay, medical expenses, etc.). Sponsors must agree to reasonable rate increases. Sponsors will be provided adequate notice regarding increases;
  - 11) Sponsorships are tax deductible donations to Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. which is a 501(c)(3) public charity;
  - 12) Horses are accepted on a case by case and “space – available” basis;
  - 13) Horses are maintained in naturalized herds on nearly 160 acres of rocky, rolling prairie pasture. They are not stalled;
  - 14) Horses must be up to date on all requisite vaccinations (EWT-WN and Rabies) within the past six months prior to retirement admission to Rainbow Meadows. They also must have a dental float within the past 6 months by a dental technician or qualified Veterinarian. Horses must also have a current negative Coggin’s test issued within 30 days of transfer to Rainbow Meadows. All transportation arrangements must be made by the owner or a designated party.
  - 15) No stallions are accepted for retirement.