

ADOPTION PARTNER CRITERIA CHECKLIST

The Right Horse Initiative™ is a collective of equine industry and welfare professionals and advocates working together to improve the lives of horses in transition. A program of the ASPCA®, our goal is to massively increase horse adoption in the United States. Partnership in The Right Horse is based on philosophical alignment as it relates to adoption, and behaviors, policies and procedures which partners will employ to work towards this shared goal.

Right Horse Adoption Partners will:

- 1 Share a desire to increase adoptions.
- 2 Have a collaborative spirit and desire to work with other organizations.
- 3 Participate in Equine Welfare Data Collective (EWDC) data surveys twice a year.
- 4 Be a 501c3 nonprofit organizations or governmental agency in good legal standing.
- 5 Maintain a high standard of equine care.
- 6 Transfer legal ownership to adopters within a year of adoption.
- 7 Assure adopters have transparency regarding the equines' health, training level and behavior and good matches are made between the right adopter and the right horse.
- 8 Employ adoption policies and procedures that are clear and free from unnecessary barriers to adoption.
- 9 Offer a lifetime safety net for adopted equines and be willing to take returns at any time.
- 10 Microchip all equines.
- 11 Source equines from owner relinquishment, law enforcement, BLM or other wild horse source, stray or directly from auction.
- 12 Embrace positive adoption language.
- 13 Use My Right Horse to promote adoptable equines.

