

# *Whispering Winds Equine Rescue*

## **ADOPTION CRITERIA**

Every adopter will have a public records/background check. Some things that may or may not affect your eligibility are:

- 1) Criminal history - including but not limited to abuse/neglect.
- 2) Evictions - these show your stability. Will you be evicted and have to dump your horse at the auction?
- 3) Fines, fees, judgments owed. Really, if you can't feed yourself and pay your bills, can't you afford a horse?

Some of the horses available for adoption have special fencing requirements. They can't be turned out to pasture until they are gentled. Each horse is different, as is each adopter. We want the right match. If you feel like you can't take on a mature wild horse but have a little more confidence taking on a two year old that has already been haltered, don't be afraid to say so! If it doesn't fit - it won't work! We want the best thing for you and the animal.

If you are looking for a breeding mare - look elsewhere. Absolutely, without exception, will any of our horses be adopted out for breeding. If you want a foal, adopt a pregnant mare. If you want a baby, adopt one.

Adopters also need to understand that Whispering Winds has first right of refusal. If your adopted new companion doesn't work out, you may not send it to auction or slaughter. Moving the horse from the listed location will breach our contract and may result in litigation.

*So, that being said, what ARE our adoption fees?*

Base adoption fees vary depending on the animal. Prices are based on the experience of the horses or mule. We try to geld all colts & stallions that arrive at Whispering Winds and adoption fees may reflect such charges.

I want to make something perfectly clear. Anyone who has ever paid vet bills or bought hay, grain, wormer etc will know that the adoption fees we ask will not even cover what we have into the animal. No, we don't do this to make a profit. We never will, and we accept that.

If you see something that interests you, send us an email or give us a call. We'd love to set up an appointment and have you stop by for a visit. The best way for you to select the perfect horse is to spend some time watching the different personalities.

When you find the right one, you will know. If you are still interested, please fill out the adoption application and either fax it or mail it in. We will be in touch.