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ADOPTION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Preamble

CHPA will consider applications for adoption of an equine by an applicant who understands that such an adoption will yield much pleasure and satisfaction while at the same time involving certain obligations and responsibilities. Failure to recognise the latter has resulted in the equine being in CHPA ownership and care. In accepting an application to adopt, CHPA does so in the belief that the equine will receive a good home with responsible and loving care. CHPA reserves the right to accept or reject an application at its own discretion.

The following states the criteria upon which an application will be assessed, and sets out the terms and conditions upon which an agreement will be entered into if the application is successful.

1. The applicant adopter is over eighteen (18) years of age.
2. The applicant is aware of the Municipal By-laws relevant to the property on which the adopted equine is to reside, and confirms that it complies with the requirements pertaining to equine and other farm animals.
3. Stabling, adequately sized paddocks, access to water feed and shelter is to be provided to the satisfaction of CHPA. Feed is to be appropriate to the use of the equine. Fencing is to be of a nature and height adequate to contain the equine and prevent straying.
4. Adequate supervision is to be available in the absence of the adopter, to ensure that the equine always has access to the above amenities.
5. Should the equine die or go missing, the adopter is to notify CHPA within 24 hours, and provide a detailed report on either event.
6. Private veterinarian services are to be afforded, to ensure that vaccinations and deworming take place timeously. CHPA will have seen to the routine vaccinations (except for AHS) and deworming prior to delivery to the adopter, and will record the the status in the agreement.
7. Farrier services are to be provided by the adopter, to inspect, trim and/or shoe the equine at least every eight weeks, or sooner if necessary due to type of usage.
8. In the case of an illness (not injury) within the first seven (7) days of adoption, the equine may be brought to the CPHA for attention by its Animal Welfare Assistants and/or by its veterinarian (at the discretion of CHPA) free of charge.
9. The adopted equine may not be used for breeding purposes. Stallions are to be gelded.
10. If the equine is still a colt when adopted out and not yet gelded, CHPA will advise on post home checks when the colt must be gelded.
11. CHPA authorised officers are to be permitted to visit the premises from time to time, to satisfy themselves that the adopted equine is being treated in accordance with the stated policy. CHPA has the right to repossess the equine, if in its opinion,

the terms of policy are not being reasonably observed.

12. The adopted equine may not be used as a beast of burden.
13. In the event that the adopter, after having given the equine a fair chance to adjust to its new environment, finds that he is no longer able to keep the adopted equine, the equine shall be returned to CHPA.
14. The equine may not be passed on to another adopter without the consent of CHPA. The process of re-adoption is to be conducted as follows;
 - (a) The current adopter is to advise CHPA of the proposal to cede adoption.
 - (b) CHPA will assess the suitability of the new adopter in term of the stated criteria, terms and conditions for adoption,
 - (c) The new adopter will be required to enter into an adoption agreement with CHPA.
15. Should an adopted equine give birth, the conditions stated herein will apply to its offspring as well.
16. CHPA can describe the equine's behaviour only as observed at the Recovery and Rehabilitation Centre. As the equines in its care often come from an abusive environment, the CHPA cannot give any guarantees regarding the future behaviour of any adopted equine, and will not accept any liability that may arise. The adopter is to accept this disclaimer and recognises that the equine's future behaviour may be affected by factors such as change in feeding, surroundings, exercise and treatment patterns.
17. Legal ownership of the adopted equine remains with the CHPA.

CHPA ADOPTION AGREEMENT

CHPA has accepted the application made by
 to adopt an equine identified as

This adoption agreement is made in terms of the adoption contract and conditions stated and as acknowledged therein by the applicant.

The agreement is made between:

ADOPTER:

SA IDENTITY/PASSPORT NO:

ADDRESS

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[The adopter agrees to notify CHPA by e-mail or registered post within seven days of any change of address]

And

CART HORSE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (CHPA)

Address

Signed on **at**

Adopter Name: **Signature:**

Witness Name: **Signature:**

CHPA Representative: **Signature:**

Witness Name: **Signature:**

CHPA information to be completed before delivery of equine

De -wormed	YES	NO	Date:
Tetanus Vaccination	YES	NO	Date:
Equine Flu Vaccination	YES	NO	Date:
AHS Vaccination	YES	NO	Date:
Rabies Vaccination	YES	NO	Date:
Micro-chipped	YES	NO	Date:
Gelded	YES	NO	Date:

Initial: