

**Houston SPCA**  
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty  
To Animals

***Farm Animal Adoption Application***

Thank you for considering adopting a horse, or any farm animal, from the Houston SPCA. We want you to understand that any time you adopt from an animal welfare organization you take a risk. We do our best to screen the health of animals in our care, but it is always possible that an animal may be incubating a disease at the time of adoption and not show any symptoms of illness.

Process to become an approved adopter:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Have identification showing your present address.
3. Complete and return attached two-page application. Once your application has been processed, you will receive an approval letter containing additional information.
4. Be able to pay the adoption fee. Farm adoptions are CASH ONLY.
5. Be able and willing to spend the necessary time and money to provide the proper care, medical treatment and training to care for this animal.
6. Have consent of landlord if the animal will be kept on property not owned by you.

*At the time of adoption you will be asked to sign an adoption contract with the Houston SPCA. It will specify your agreement to keep this animal(s) for the remainder of its life, as well as your agreement to return it to the Houston SPCA should you decide you can no longer keep it.*

Once completed and returned, this application becomes the property of the Houston SPCA and will be retained in our files. The Houston SPCA reserves the right to deny the adoption of any animal in its care.

Return application to:

Houston SPCA  
900 Portway Drive  
Attn: Farm Animal Adoptions  
Houston TX 77024

OR

By fax:

713.861.3020

<http://www.houstonspca.org>

713.869.7722

# HOUSTON SPCA

## FARM ANIMAL ADOPTION APPLICATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of farm animal are you interested in?      Mare      Geld      Donkey      Goat  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

How will the animal be kept?      Stable      Pasture      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address where the animal will be kept \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Property owner's name and number \_\_\_\_\_

DISCUSS YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH HORSES/DONKEYS. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HORSES-**

How much time do you plan to spend with this horse? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of training do you plan for this animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a trainer that you currently or plan to work with?      YES      NO

Name and Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

If there are problems in training, what help will you seek? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All male horses must be gelded within 60 days. Females may be pregnant. Are you willing to deal with the added expense of these situations?      YES      NO

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Do you realize that the horse/donkey you adopt may require extensive rehabilitation, including veterinary treatment, and may have pre-existing conditions which could affect it for the rest of its life?

YES NO

Are you familiar with the following:

Equine Infectious Anemia	YES	NO
Potomac Horse Fever	YES	NO
Eastern, Western and Venezuelan Encephalomyelitis	YES	NO
Rhinopneumonitis	YES	NO
Tetanus	YES	NO
Rabies	YES	NO

Do you recognize the symptoms of colic? YES NO

Do you understand the need for regular hoof care? YES NO

Name and Phone of Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone of Farrier \_\_\_\_\_

Horses/Donkeys/Mules have a life expectancy of 30 years or more; Are you willing to accept lifelong responsibility for the horse you adopt?

YES NO

Briefly explain why you wish to adopt a Farm Animal from the Houston SPCA. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you object to a follow-up visit by a Houston SPCA staff member or qualified volunteer?

YES NO

Indicate any other farm animals you might want to adopt from the Houston SPCA. (Circle)

Cattle Pig Ducks Geese Chickens

Guinea Peacock/hen Sheep Other \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information provided on this application is true. I understand that if ANY false information has been provided, the Houston SPCA has the right to nullify the adoption and may legally reclaim the animal. I have read the cover letter to this application and agree to all terms and conditions.

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