

***Our mission is saving horses  
from abandonment, abuse and  
neglect. Help us help the horses!***



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## **Adoption**

MFMN tries to find permanent homes for the equines that come into our care that are broke to ride or can be trained to ride, and we offer them a lifetime protection contract. Horses come into our program in many ways - from neglect and seizure cases, and many from owner surrenders.

## **About Adopting**

One of the main goals of MFMN is to show that rescue horses are just like any other horse - they've just run into bad luck through no fault of their own. There are a lot of misconceptions and concerns we hear about adopting. Some people resent the contract and background checks we do. Some people think rescue horses are untrainable, or somehow damaged, or unable to be ridden, or somehow less desirable than other horses. Nothing is further from the truth.

We do have some basic rules for adopting. We do not allow breeding of any of the horses that have come through our program. You may not resell, give away, off-site lease, take to auction, or dispose of your horse in any way. If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your adopted horse it must be returned to MFMN. We do not have restrictions as far as what you can do with your adopted horse, as long as the horse is properly cared for and has no physical reasons that it can't perform the job you are asking of it. For example, we would not approve a placement for a horse with ringbone to an adopter who wished to use that horse for jumping. If necessary, we do conduct home visits to check on the horses, but unless an adopter refuses to return our calls or schedule a visit, we do not conduct unscheduled/unannounced visits.

## **Benefits of Adoption**

So, why should you adopt? There are many benefits of adopting from MFMN:

- A MFMN horse will have a thorough evaluation of ground manners and continual training on any problem areas. As time and funds permit, saddle training is provided and the horses are ridden.
- A full history of the horse including where he came from, his previous handling/training/problems as reported by his previous home is given if available, and all vet, farrier, and behavior while in our care is posted on their page.
- All MFMN horses see the vet a minimum of once per year for a full check up and spring vaccinations and to have their teeth checked and floated if needed. Any horse that shows signs of needing their teeth done such as weight loss or inability to gain, dropping grain, being sensitive around their mouths/with a bit, is seen by a vet and floated if needed.
- All MFMN horses are on a current de-worming and farrier schedule.

- Each potential adopter is required to fill out an Adoption Application (*click here*) which must be approved before any horse will be adopted. Adopters must be at least 21 years of age with no history of animal abuse or neglect.
- Adopters are required to sign and abide by our adoption contract (*click here*).
- Adoption fees must be paid in full and in advance before any horse can be adopted. (Adoption fees are not refundable).

### **How do I adopt?**

To adopt a MFMN horse, review our adoption policy, download and submit the adoption application (*click here*), and go through the approval process. We'll schedule a time when you can come meet the horse, and observe your interactions with the horse, including riding if the horse is trained to do so. We want to make sure that you are a good fit for the horse, and that the horse is comfortable with you as well.

Please read over our adoption policy and seriously evaluate if adopting is right for you. When you adopt from MFMN, you agree to provide a home for your new equine for life – you cannot sell, give away, lease out or otherwise dispose of your equine. You also agree that you won't breed any mares or jennies that you adopt.

**Note:** if you are interested in a horse that is in a foster home location, we do require that you be an approved adopter prior to meeting that horse.