

HorseSense Donation/Lease application

Considering Donating or Leasing your horse to HorseSense?

If not for the generosity of many people who have either donated or leased a horse to HorseSense, we could not provide this service to our special riders. Safety of our riders is priority so we must follow these extensive steps in evaluating prospective horses for our therapeutic riding program. Thank you for thinking of Horse Sense as a potential home for your special horse.

Step 1 The list below describe the attributes of our BEST therapy horses at HorseSense. If you can say Yes to many of the listed criteria then your horse will be a good prospect to consider for this important work!

My horse

- is between the 7-18 years old
- is between 14 and 16 hands tall
- is physically sound at the walk, trot and canter and does not have any major health related issues
- is a comfortable mount with even, quiet gaits
- has been well trained and consistently worked with through-out their life
- is content to stand quietly tied to a hitching rail for grooming, tacking or just waiting!
- is gentle, tolerant and patient with beginner riders and handlers
- will work obediently on the longe line
- content to do the same ring work over and over
- is sociable and gets along with other horses in a large paddock situation
- is not startled easily and if frightened is easily reassured
- does not need special shoeing or require daily medications
- has very good ground manners

Step 2 Please provide the following information:

Owner Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____

Horse's Name _____

Age _____

Breed _____

Height _____

Sex _____

Color/marking _____

Reason for Donation/Lease (circle), _____

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If horse is a donation ... do you wish the horse to be returned to you if no longer suitable for therapy or needs to be retired. Yes No

Riding/Show History: (circle all that apply)

Trail Dressage Lesson Horse Hunter/Jumper Western English Pleasure

Does your horse currently have or has had in the past 10 years any of the following? (circle)

Ring Bone Navicular Founder/Laminitis Arthritis Colic Ulcers Cribbing

Please list any additional conditions/lameness/or vices we should know about:

Current food regimen:

Current Vet _____ Phone # _____

Current on deworming, all vaccination and negative coggins? _____

Date of coggins and vaccinations: _____

Current Farrier _____ Phone # _____

Ownership History: _____

Current Rider Info: Age ____ Weight ____ Height ____ Riding Ability Level _____

How often is the horse ridden? A few times a week A few times a month A few times a year

Explain _____

Circle if your horse: Cross Ties Ties to post Lunges Loads quietly in a Trailer

Step 3

Send this information to HorseSense, PO Box 906, La Crosse, WI 54602.

Step 4 Site visit: If the horse appears to have the qualities we need then we will set up a site visit.

We will request to see the horse in the following ways:

- approach horse loose in paddock or stall
 - tied for grooming and tacking
 - lunged
 - ridden by owner first HorseSense
- And if possible
- viewed in paddock with other horses
 - viewed at feeding time

Step 5 Trial Period: Horse to be transported to HorseSense to begin their trial period. (30-60 days) We will expose the horse to the ramp, arena and the many toys and activities that they will encounter in their work. We work with them to see how patiently they stand, how tolerate they are to work with a variety of people and how well they seem to like the job.

Step 6 Accepted into the program or return to the gracious owners.

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