



## Application Form to re-home an equine on The Guardianship Scheme

Registered charity number 1150948  
Company number 8359099

Thank you for your interest in re-homing a pony from the Trust. Our equine's welfare is always our first priority, taking on the responsibility for an equine is a big commitment both financially and with time, therefore it is essential that you have considered the costs, time and knowledge required to meet the horses needs over the coming years. We will do our best to ensure that a horses prospective home is entirely suitable before contracts are signed and they move, the horses welfare must always come first. Please be aware that there are no hard and fast rules in regards to the length of the process, it all depends on the individual horse/pony. This application form will give us an idea of your suitability to re-home a horse or pony from us, please give as much detail as possible. Our rescues have come from varying backgrounds, some have been rescued from heartbreaking situations, some were born here and some have come here because their owner can no longer meet their needs. Unless you are rehoming a lead rein pony for a child it is very unlikely that we would have a suitable horse or pony for an adult beginner. Most of our horses and ponies are recently backed and green making them unsuitable to learn to ride on, this is because they are still learning themselves and require an experienced rider to continue their schooling, minimum standard of riding would be a BHS level 1.

### Rehoming process

One of the many advantages of re-homing one of our rescues is that we will always honestly describe our horses and ponies regarding their health and behaviour because their welfare is of the utmost importance. Dependant on use our ponies will have had a lot of time spent on training and assessment and will also be up to date with worming, dentist, farrier and tetanus vaccine. By re-homing from us not only are you offering a rescue pony a safe happy home but you are creating space for us to take in another rescue, thus you are helping to save two.

- 1) You will first need to fill out this form and send it back to us, along with a reference from a vet, farrier, BHS approved yard owner or instructor. This will help us decide if we have a suitable horse or pony to match your experience and facilities. The more information you can give us at this stage the quicker the process, video's and pictures of you riding can be useful for us to also assess your ability if you're seeking a ridden horse or pony.
- 2) We will invite you to come and meet the re-homing team and chosen equine. We can then answer any questions you may have to ensure that you're confident about the commitment of becoming a Guardian to one of our equines. Depending on the equine we may ask you to take part in an initial riding or handling assessment to ensure you are a perfect match for your new horse or pony.
- 3) If the first visit goes well you will be asked to come and visit again. If you are wanting to rehome a ridden pony you will ride them again, subsequent visits maybe deemed necessary until we are happy and fully satisfied that you are fully capable of riding them and continuing with their ongoing education.
- 4) A home visit is carried out by us to ensure your facilities are suitable for the particular needs of your prospective equine. If any adjustments are needed we are always happy to discuss these with you.
- 5) We will introduce you to our formal agreement and request that you sign the document. We will also require a copy of your driving licence or passport with your current address on. After the agreement has been signed and the minimum donation paid arrangements are then made to move your new horse or pony to their new home. You can arrange suitable safe transport for the horse or pony yourself or we may be able to transport at an agreed cost.
- 6) You will then become part of our Guardian Home network with access to support and advice whenever needed. You can expect our re-homing team to visit you at regular intervals to ensure that all is well and both you and your horse or pony are enjoying each other's company. You can of course contact us at any time should you have any questions or require further advice and support.

### Please note

> If your application is successful there is a suggested minimum donation of £100 for a companion, £100 for pony youngsters under 3, £150 for a young horse or 3yo potential ridden, Between £250 -£350 for a ridden horse or pony, occasionally a certain pony may have an individual donation at the discretion of the Equine manager. The donation helps support the Trust in its work, rescuing horses and ponies in trouble or distress, it is not meant to be a reflection of the full costs associated with its rescue, rehab and care as these costs will most certainly be much higher. We will

also need to see ID and take a copy of your driving license or passport with your current address, to go in your file along with your agreement.

> We ask that you provide us with a written reference from somebody who can vouch for your competency in caring for or/and riding the horse you have applied for. Suitable references would be from a vet, farrier, suitably qualified riding instructor or BHS approved yard owner. If you struggle to find a reference please contact us and we will be able to advise you.

> If you are under 21 you will need the full consent of your parent or guardian who will be the official Loanee. Your parent or guardian will be responsible for signing the loan agreement.

> We suggest that you read the NEWC Equine Industry Guidelines Compendium for Horses, Ponies and Donkeys, the guide fully outlines responsibilities and gives guidance on best practice care. <http://www.newc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Equine-Brochure-09.pdf>

> Please return the form to - Llest Horse and Pony Trust, Beili Bedw, Llanddeusant, Llangadog, Carmarthenshire, SA19 9TG or return online to [equine@llesthorseandponytrust.co.uk](mailto:equine@llesthorseandponytrust.co.uk) any questions or further information please call 01550740661

You will be contacted if there is a suitable horse/pony available. If not, your application may be kept on file.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact \_\_\_\_\_

E- mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Stabling address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are interested in a particular horse or pony please put their name here \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in loaning a horse/ pony/ either \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in loaning a mare/gelding/either \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum height \_\_\_\_\_ hh    Maximum height \_\_\_\_\_ hh    Age range \_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list proposed activities (such as Light hacking 2 -3 days a week/ daily hacking/ driving/ companion/ schooling/ family pony/ competition) please include as much detail as possible.

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Additional relevant information about activities\_\_\_\_\_

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**Details of rider** (if appropriate)

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_

Height\_\_\_\_\_ Weight\_\_\_\_\_ (please do not be offended if we ask you to stand on our scales for accuracy. We use the rule of 17% of the equines weight as the maximum weight of the rider that they can carry to safeguard their welfare)

What level would you say your ability/experience is: Beginner / Novice / Intermediate / Advanced

**Please tick and answer the following that apply -**

|   | YES                      |  | NO                       |
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| Have you ridden regularly in the last 2 years?        | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I can walk and trot unaided with and without stirrups | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am fully balanced in canter                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am working towards a balanced seat in canter        | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I can control a horse in an open field in all gaits   | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I can jump a single small fence                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I can jump a small course of jumps                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am capable of riding a cross country course         | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have brought on a green horse                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have backed a horse                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I could ride a simple dressage test                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Please explain why you think it is important to mount a horse from a mounting block or similar**

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**If a horse you ride developed a ridden issue what would steps would you take?**

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**If you are not currently an experienced rider or are returning to riding what support do you have?**

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**Equine care** Your experience of looking after equines (type of equine, ages of equines, number of years experience, conditions cared for eg. Laminitis, cushings disease etc.)

**Have you had sole or shared care of an equine? \_\_\_\_\_ If so for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Relevant experience \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Why is it important to monitor a horses weight and how?**

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**As keepers and owners we are responsible for ensuring the horses in our care are protected from pain, suffering injury and disease. It is important that you are able to spot the signs of ill health.**

**What are the signs and symptoms of laminitis? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**What causes or increases the chances of a horse getting laminitis?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How best do you prevent laminitis?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What are the signs and symptoms of colic?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Certain conditions are veterinary emergencies and require an urgent vet visit without delay, the following list is not exhaustive – Colic, laminitis, eye symptoms, punctures over a joint, deep cuts, severe lameness .....

**Have you ever been banned from keeping any animal?** Yes/No

**Have you ever been the object of a neglect prosecution regardless of outcome?** Yes/No

**Further info** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Stabling/ Grazing facilities**

Details of any horses or ponies already owned \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you be keeping the horse/pony on a facility which you own/rent/or at livery? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total number of horses kept at the yard? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the acreage available? \_\_\_\_\_

How many other horses share this grazing? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there facilities to limited grazing? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the field have a field shelter? Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Does the facility have stables? Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a public foot path running through or past your land? Yes / No

If yes please describe the proximity to the horses / ponies

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Is there someone living on site all of the time? If so who? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you going to be the primary carer? If not, please state who will be. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please provide your vet's contact details. Please be aware we only allow the use of an equine specific vet. Your vets may be contacted to provide a reference.**

Vet's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Further information to support your application qualifications, industry experience etc –

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To ensure Llest equines have a secure home that meets their needs, we ask that by signing below you agree that all of the above is true and that you have a reliable income and able to meet the financial and physical responsibilities of taking care of a horse or pony on loan through our Guardianship Scheme.

How did you hear of Llest Horse and Pony Trust? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_