



Three Gaits, Inc. Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

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Dear Adopter,

Thank you for contacting us regarding our school horse adoption program. If you are interested in obtaining a retiring school horse or pony through Three Gaits, please read the following information carefully, fill out the application and return it to Three Gaits. Our goal is to place all retiring members of our herd in safe, loving, and appropriate homes.

Three Gaits obtains school horses through donations, lease agreements, or purchases. Horses range from 7 years old to horses in their 20's, and sometimes even 30's! While we accept horses based on their temperaments, not their breeds, some of our most common breeds have been Quarter Horses, Paints, Appaloosas, and Arabians. Horses also have varied training/showing histories ranging from horses that competed successfully to horses that were mainly used as trail horses.

When the time comes to retire a school horse from our program, we first contact the former owner and then look for a retirement home. Horses may be retired for varying reasons. With utmost importance, we consider the physical and emotional health of the horses working in our program. If we deem at any point that a horse may no longer meet the needs of our programs, we pursue adoption.

Horses that are deemed unsuccessful in the program may have other talents that are simply not needed in our program. Our school horses must fill an incredibly demanding (both physically and mentally) job. We have had the pleasure of working with many fine horses over the years, but in order to be successful in the program they must be specifically adapted to therapeutic horsemanship. We have had many former school horses go on to be very successful in their new homes, with loving and appreciative families!

Three Gaits reserves the right to select and approve appropriate homes for retiring school horses. We want our horses to go to homes that will be a good match with their personalities, training, and age. Our horses will only be adopted with the understanding that they are not to be bred, given away, sold, or slaughtered. If you feel capable of providing a permanent home for a retiring school horse, please complete the following application. Once an application has been received and approved, we will add your name to the list of potential adopters. The waiting time for a horse can be as little as a few weeks to as much as a couple of years. The number of horses available for adoption varies from time to time, but we are committed to only offer you a horse that fits your requirements.

Again, thank you for your interest and support of our adoption program. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Dena Duncan
Program Director

HORSE ADOPTION APPLICATION

Adopter Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

How did you learn about Three Gaits? _____

Horse Preferences

Name of the horse you are applying for (if known): _____

Check all that apply

Use: Companion (NO riding/driving) Light Riding Regular Riding Competition
 Driving No Preference

Gender: Mare Gelding

Age: Young (5-12) Middle Aged (13-24) Older/Geriatric (25+) No Preference

Size: Under 14 hh 14-15 hh 15-16 hh 16+ hh No Preference

Would you be willing to support/care for a horse with:

- Special Dietary Needs (i.e. requiring supplements or different feed)
- Physical Requirements (i.e. joint injections, chiropractic work)
- Respiratory Issues (i.e. allergies, heaves)
- Farrier Needs (i.e. shoes)
- Other: _____
- No Preference

What will the horse be used for? _____

How often? _____

Horse Living Arrangements

Where will you keep the horse? A Boarding Facility
 At Home
 My Property (other than home)

Name of Facility: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(If a boarding facility) Name of Farm Manager: _____ Phone: _____

Does the facility have a barn? Yes No

If Yes, Will the horse have a stall of its own? Yes No

What are the dimensions? _____ X _____

Are the horses brought in during inclement weather? Yes No Sometimes

Are the horses brought in overnight? Yes No Sometimes

Does the facility have run-in sheds? Yes No

If Yes, What are the dimensions? _____ X _____

How many acres of turnout are at the facility? _____

What type of paddocks are available to the horses? (Grass/No Grass) _____

How many separate paddocks are at the facility? _____

What are the sizes of the paddocks? _____

How many total horses are at the facility? _____

Are horses turned out: Privately In Groups of: _____ horses

What type of fencing will surround the horse? _____

Additional Adopter Information

Have you ever owned a horse before? Yes No

If No, Have you ever leased a horse before? Yes No
Have you ever cared for a horse before? Yes No

Please describe your experience caring for horses. Include information/details on any horses that you own or have owned.

Do you plan to: Train/Ride by yourself
 Work with Instructor/Trainer

Please describe your experience riding/handling horses. Include information on current or previous training, competitions, and/or experiences.

References

Who is your large animal veterinarian? _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

May we contact this person? Yes No

Who is your farrier? _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

May we contact this person? Yes No

Who is your trainer/instructor? _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known this person? _____

May we contact this person? Yes No