



## NDBH FOSTER CARE or EMERGENCY FOSTER CARE PROVIDER APPLICATION

NORTH DAKOTA BADLANDS HORSE (NDBH) policy is to place suitable TRNP horses in approved foster homes to increase our ability to help TRNP horses in need of emergency and /or temporary placement.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Our application is meant to start a conversation so that NDBH will get a good feel for the potential foster's knowledge, ability, and personality through in-person or telephone conversations, and will therefore be able to make a better recommendation for a match with a horse.

#### The potential foster provider must:

1. Complete, sign, and submit page 3 of this Foster Application.
2. Provide 3 references to include one veterinarian and one other horse professional (farrier, trainer, etc).
3. Submit photos of the foster home facility and any other equines owned by the foster provider OR allow for an in-person inspection.

#### Upon receipt of your signed application, NDBH will:

1. Review the application to ensure requirements are met.
2. Contact the listed references.
3. Conduct any background check required.
4. Arrange a personal or telephone interview between the potential foster and an NDBH Foster Coordinator.
5. If you chose to have an inspection instead of sending pictures, NDBH will assign a volunteer inspector to schedule a home visit. During the home visit, the inspector will view and photograph the location where any fostered horse(s) will live, view and photograph any other equines on the property, and answer any questions about the fostering and/or adoption process.

After these steps are completed, the NDBH Foster Coordinator will approve or deny the foster application. NDBH reserves the right to deny any application for any reason.

### Denied Applications

If your application is denied, the Foster Coordinator will notify you and discuss any concerns and areas of improvement that could be made to reverse your application denial.

If your application is denied, you may file an appeal in writing to the NDBH Board of Directors within seven (7) days of receiving notice that you were not approved. The NDBH Board of Directors will discuss the appeal and have final discretion in upholding or reversing a refused foster application.

### Approved Applications

If your application is approved, the Foster Coordinator will notify you and add you to our APPROVED Fosters List. **Once you are approved as a Foster Home, you must submit a signed copy of this Foster Contract/ Liability Waiver to NDBH before you can volunteer to foster any horses.**

If you have requested to foster a specific horse, transport arrangements will be made. NDBH may be able to offer assistance with transport of the horse to the approved Foster Home; however, NDBH recommends arranging your own transport. If transport assistance is needed, contact the Foster Coordinator to discuss and request transport. The Foster Coordinator will then approve or decline assistance.

## FOSTERING HORSES

### When a TRNP horse needs a foster home, the NDBH Foster Coordinator may:

1. Ask a specific foster home to foster the horse based on the foster home's proximity to the horse's current location, their resources, and/or experience; OR
2. Post the horse as "available for fostering" on the NDBH Approved Foster Homes Social Media Page, then consider offers to foster on a first-come, first-serve basis with special attention paid to location, resources, and/or expertise of the foster homes.

### Foster homes are responsible for all usual maintenance costs including, but not limited to:

- Hay and/or grain
- Medications/Supplements
- Boarding Fees
- Farrier work
- Deworming
- Vaccinations/Vet care
- Other usual costs

NDBH will accept donations and do some fundraising to support the needs of the fostered horse, such as but not limited to feed, veterinary care, shots and dewormers, hoof care, etc. However, NDBH cannot promise that all the needs of the horse will be covered by donations. The costs associated with fostering an NDBH horse may be tax deductible since NDBH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Copies of receipts of all expenses paid by the foster must be submitted to the NDBH for verification.

### Foster homes are responsible to:

- Submit front, back, left, and right photos to NDBH within one week of receipt;
- Provide basic gentling training (halter training, handling feet, trailer loading, etc) to increase the horse's adoptability and ease of care;
- Maintain the horse on a deworming schedule;
- Maintain the horse on a farrier schedule;
- Ensure that the horse has routine or necessary veterinary care;
- Evaluate the horse's temperament and level of training to the best of your ability;
- Provide periodic reports via email, social media, postal mail, or telephone regarding the horse's condition, health, etc;
- Provide periodic photos, training updates, stories, and any other information which will be shared on social media to encourage interest in adoption of the horse;
- Notify the Foster Coordinator immediately if the horse is injured or ill;
- Give the Foster Coordinator at least thirty (30) days' notice if you wish to have the fostered horse removed from your property;
- NOT REMOVE the fostered horse from your property without written permission from the NDBH Foster Coordinator;
- Notify the NDBH Foster Coordinator immediately if your contact information changes (address, phone number, email, etc).

### Length of Foster Care

NDBH cannot guarantee how long a horse will be in foster unless specific arrangements are made at the time of foster. A fostered horse will remain in foster until it is adopted which may be a few weeks, several months, or over a year. The horse will be offered to the first approved adoption applicant who has expressed an interest in the horse and you will need to make the fostered horse available for scheduled visits by approved adoption applicants.

### Adopting Your Fostered Horse

As a foster, you may choose to adopt the horse at any time, UNLESS there is a submitted application for adoption for the horse. If the horse has been in your care for more than 90 days, you will receive a 50% discount on the adoption fee. If the horse has been in your care for more than one year, it will be placed with a waived adoption fee. If you decide to adopt, the date on the adoption contract will be the date the horse arrived at your foster home and any follow-up inspections completed or photos submitted while fostering will count towards the follow-ups required of adopters.

**COMPLETE, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO NDBH**

**TELL US ABOUT YOU**

<b>Your Name</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Other Phone</b>

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AND FACILITIES** (if you need more space, please attach additional sheets)

1. How long have you owned a horse?
  
2. What experience do you have gentling unhandled horses?
  
3. What size pen will you be using for this horse until it is completely gentled?
  
4. What is the height and structure of the fencing of this pen?
  
5. What kind of shelter will you be using for this horse until it is completely gentled?
  
6. Explain what type of feed you will be giving this horse (include summer & winter feed).

**REFERENCES (include the PREFERRED contact information for each of the three references)**

<b>Veterinarian</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Other Phone</b>

<b>Farrier/Other Horse Professional</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Other Phone</b>

<b>Unrelated Reference</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Other Phone</b>

By signing this contract/liability waiver, I agree to release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue, and agree to release North Dakota Badlands Horse Registry (NDBH), its directors, officers, and volunteers from and against any and all liabilities, demands, claims, or injuries, including death, that I may sustain during or in conjunction with receiving and caring for a wild horse. I agree that my safety is primarily my own responsibility. I agree to make sure that I know how to safely handle wild horses, and to refrain from any and all actions that would pose a hazard to myself or others.

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**Signature**

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**Date**