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## Adopter Handout

Thoroughbred Placement Resources, Inc. (TPR), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity run entirely by volunteers. We are financially supported through donations, a few grants and the generosity of the owners of Leighton Farm. TPR depends on those we assist to support our work. In order to help you, we need your help. We can't do this important work without you! Please donate to our charity and ask your friends and family to support us.

Donations can be made to Thoroughbred Placement Resources, Inc. by going to [www.GoodHorse.org](http://www.GoodHorse.org) and they can also be mailed to Thoroughbred Placement Resources, Inc., 13130 Molly Berry Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

Included within this information packet is a reference application. If you have not been qualified to adopt, please fill it out and submit it to [qualify@goodhorse.org](mailto:qualify@goodhorse.org). Once you are approved you will receive a confirmation code to include in all inquiries about TPR assisted horses.

Adopters must sign our Adoption Contract; one is included in this packet. They also must agree to fill out and submit an update on their adopted Thoroughbred six months after the date of adoption. We have also included one of these in this packet. We will email or snail mail one to you about two weeks before the due date. In addition all adopters must agree to an update by phone one month and one year after the adoption. A TPR representative will contact you at those dates, please return their call in a timely manner. We want this to work and are here to help you with any problems or needs that may arise. During the first year the adopter must allow TPR visit the Adopted Horse. We will contact you in advance to and give you at least 7 days notice we are coming for a visit.

We have included some important tips for transitioning your ex-racer in this handout. We encourage you to go to the [www.goodhorse.org](http://www.goodhorse.org) website and read New Track, New Life, a resource written to help you understand and successfully transition your retired racehorse to a new life outside of racing.

# **THOROUGHBRED PLACEMENT RESOURCES, INC. Reference Application**

Fill out this application, save it on your computer and then email as an attachment to: [Qualify@GoodHorse.org](mailto:Qualify@GoodHorse.org) or just paste the information into the email if you are having trouble with this form.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name (Last, First and Middle – no nicknames): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ CellPhone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: (street, city, state & zip): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_ Rent

If renting: Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check One): \_\_\_\_\_ Horse will be kept on owners property \_\_\_\_\_ Horse will be boarded

If Boarding Facility Address :(street, city, state & zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type of Shelter (Check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Stall \_\_\_\_\_ Run In Shed \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Type of Fencing: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the type of horse you are seeking: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you interested in specific a TPR horse(s)? (If so please list their name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please describe your experience with horses, include if you have owned horses in the past or are a first time owner.*

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References of people who know your relationship/work/handling/care of horses:

*Please be aware that if they do not return phone calls or respond to inquiries, you will not be approved.*

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Farrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Below list three personal references.*

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*I authorize veterinarians and all professionals to answer questions asked by TPR, Inc.*

# THOROUGHBRED PLACEMENT RESOURCES, INC. ADOPTION CONTRACT

Registered Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

Please read and complete this entire document carefully. This agreement must be completed in full. **\*\*Note – this agreement is for the protection of the horse, not to keep you from owning one\*\*\***

### **ADOPTER (hereinafter known as “New Owner”) INFORMATION:**

Your Name – First and Last: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This Horse will be kept at this address: Boarding or Residence? (circle one)

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

### **DESCRIPTION OF HORSE TO BE TRANSFERRED (hereinafter known as “This Horse”)**

Be sure to list the horse’s name (include brand/tattoo if applicable) and description here:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: Thoroughbred Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Markings and/or Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

By signing below, (New Owner) agrees that Thoroughbred Placement Resources, Inc., 13130 Molly Berry Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 (**hereinafter known as “TPR”**), makes no representations or warranties concerning the horse, including but not limited to the condition, health, temperament, soundness, or fitness for any particular purpose. (New Owner) understands and agrees that TPR is not liable for any representations or misrepresentations concerning above described horse. I, (New Owner) do hereby release TPR of and from any liability arising from representations, misrepresentations, care or handling of the horse offered. I further agree that TPR is released from liability for any mistakes and/or intentional acts of service providers and/or contractors such as livestock haulers, veterinarians, or handlers who may at any time be in the care, custody and control of the horse I am acquiring.

New Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **REPORTING AND INSPECTION / TERM OF AGREEMENT**

The parties hereby agree that the term of this Agreement for purposes of Reporting and Inspection shall be 12 months.

During the Reporting and Inspection Term of this Agreement, New Owner must prepare and submit to TPR a written update on (This Horse) six months following the date of this Agreement (and within seven (7) days of serious injury, illness or death of (This Horse), which shall include:

- (i) a current body photograph of the Adopted Horse without blanket or tack;
- (ii) a narrative description of the Adopted Horse's progress and condition;
- (iii) complete information concerning any change in the boarding facility; and
- (iv) in the event of serious injury, illness or death, a complete veterinary report.

(New Owner) agrees to contact TPR by phone 30 days (one month) and one year (12 months) after the adoption to provide an update on (This Horse). A TPR representative will initiate contact with (New Owner) at those times.

Upon seven (7) days notice from TPR, (New Owner) shall provide copies of any veterinary records, receipts or reports concerning (This Horse). (New Owner) expressly authorizes TPR representatives to inspect (This Horse) at any time, at any location, including but not limited to, any private stable location.

## **AGREEMENT**

It is agreed that entry of (This Horse) in a race shall void this sale and any subsequent sales, and ownership and all rights of possession shall immediately revert back to TPR. The adopted horse may immediately be removed from any premises by TPR including from any racetrack, without court order. (New Owner) authorizes TPR to present a copy of this Agreement or other notice of this Agreement to any Racing Secretary and the Racing Secretaries are authorized and directed to bar (This Horse) from entering any race.

(New Owner) agrees not to breed the horse under any circumstances.

It is agreed that if (This Horse) is offered for sale, or is to be given away at any time in the future, TPR will be notified via telephone and First Class mail and given first right of refusal. TPR has seven (7) days to exercise the first right of refusal from the date the notification is received from (New Owner). If TPR opts not to exercise its first right of refusal then (New Owner) will provide TPR with the name, address and telephone number of any prospective owner to which the horse may be transferred so that TPR has the ability to monitor the health and safety of the horse.

Finally, the undersigned agrees that (This Horse) will only be transferred privately and will not be resold at any type of auction, sale to any horse broker/dealer, at any feed lot or slaughter destination. In the event the undersigned fails to comply with the terms of this Transfer of Ownership Agreement, TPR reserves the right to commence legal proceedings to recover the horse, and

the undersigned shall be liable for all costs and expenses of TPR to recover the horse including damages which are assumed to be a minimum of \$5,000.00 plus attorney fees.

This Transfer of Ownership Agreement is agreed upon:

New Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature warrants that the (New Owner) is at least 18 years of age at the time of signature and Acknowledges receipt of the Processing Terms and Conditions contained within this agreement.

# Things to know when you get a horse from the track.

## **PREPARING THE HORSE TO COME TO YOUR FARM**

All horses coming to you through TPR have been evaluated by a veterinarian. You must require a current negative coggins and in order to address the Equine EHV – 1 virus, the horse must have had a vaccination no sooner than 7 days and no longer than 6 months, preferably labeled on a health certificate.

## **UPON ARRIVAL AT YOUR FARM**

It's a good practice to have your vet come and give the horse a wellness exam. Have your blacksmith, and dentist come and evaluate the horse as well as deworm him. This covers the basics and creates a good baseline beginning for you and your new horse.

## **BASIC FEEDING PROTOCOL FOR TPR HORSES**

When we bring the horse directly from the track to the farm he is on a "grain high". Most of the horses coming off the track have been receiving huge amounts of grain. Upon arrival, our normal beginning point for feeding at Leighton Farm is two quarts of Safe Starch Forage and only 2 cups of Legends HayStretcher twice per day. We add ½ cup of soy oil in the evening feeding as a high quality source of fat. These amounts, we give for the first week. It is a "cleaning out" period. All horses are given access to free choice hay at all times.

All horses are treated for Ulcers with Neighlox given orally, but not the traditional way. Neighlox is basically the same as Maalox for humans, it is calcium/magnesium only in a more palatable form for horses. I do not put it in their feed as part of the treatment of Maalox for humans is the coating action of the stomach. I put the Neighlox pellets in a Tupperware container with a lid and cover them with water – about 1 inch more water than pellets. You must either mix up a fresh batch each evening or refrigerate it as it will spoil. In the morning, the pellets will be soft but most likely you will need to add more water. I make it to the consistency of oatmeal so it won't drop out of their mouths. I give them 2 – 3 ounces by dose syringe each morning before breakfast. You will find that after the first few days you only have to walk up to the stall with the dose syringe – most will come out and take to it like a baby bottle. It must taste really good because the horses here view it as a treat, not a treatment! This is a very cost effective way to approach ulcers, but in extreme cases we do treat with Gastrogard and then eventually transition to the Neighlox. This decision should be made with a vet.

I don't worry if the horse doesn't want to eat this for the first few days or even a week - as long as he is eating hay and not acting sick. They are used to eating "candy" feed that is rich and high in sugars and molasses. This diet is rather bland compared to that of the working racehorse and most horses take a few days to accept the fact that that's all they're going to get. They do learn to look forward to it and enjoy it as much as the race feed, and they feel better too.

We generally do not feed any grain because I want to get them off of the "grain high" as soon as possible. I believe that many Thoroughbreds (maybe other breeds too, I just have experience with Thoroughbreds), are very sensitive to the sugars found in most grains. I avoid anything with large amounts of molasses or other sweeteners. Legends Hay Stretcher is fortified to be a complete meal for the horse, it is 11 percent protein.

There are two main reasons I use the forage with the Legends Hay Stretcher pellets. The first being it stretches a small meal into a larger one. Racehorses are used to huge amounts of grain and a quart or two of Legends Hay Stretcher pellets are a meager meal when standing alone. The other and more important reason is that I have experienced a few horses that suffered from choke caused by straight pellets. I don't know if this is because the use of pellets at the track is rare or if it's just that some horses can't handle pellets. I can say that I've never had choke since I began mixing the pellets with the forage.

In the second week we increase the Legends Hay Stretcher to 1 quart, keeping the Forage and vegetable oil at the same amounts. All horses have free choice hay at all times. Most horses on this diet maintain a good weight and settle into farm life quickly. Growing horses may require larger proportions or even more protein. When the horse begins to work hard enough that he is building muscle or if he is young and growing I add a 1/2 quart of alfalfa hay cubes twice per day for an easily digestible source of protein. Each horse's diet is evaluated and updated on the individual's needs. Some horses receive as much as 4 quarts of Legends Hay Stretcher and a cup of vegetable oil in each meal.

At Leighton Farm, we have explored many different fat supplements and finally came back to soy oil. The reason is it is 100% fat and is also a good source of anti-oxidants. It is also the most cost effective. It can be a little more work intensive due to its oily nature – meaning it can be messy, but its benefits far outweigh the disadvantages. If the horse hasn't been receiving a source of fat in his diet, it will take about 30 days for his body to begin to utilize it.

Horses that come to us in need of substantial weight gain are also fed soaked beet pulp which is 10 to 12% sugar on average but it is an effective food for weight gain. Once the horse is a good weight I normally am able to wean them off of it by increasing the Haystretcher, and oil. We don't have to increase the hay because we give as much as they want.

Horses over the age of 15 that are in training or show signs of having had extensive stomach ulcers or are over the age of 17 years old are fed Purina Senior, which also contains sugar.

If you decide to try this diet there are many different companies that offer a variety of "hay stretcher" products. Check to be sure the one you use is fortified to offer the needed protein and minerals a horse in work requires. If the particular brand you select does not, you will need to supplement these. Also take special care when selecting forage. Many types of forage are sprayed with molasses. The Triple Crown Safe Starch Forage is not and that is the reason for our selection.

This is the diet given to all horses at Leighton Farm and if you have the time to visit, you will find that the horses here are shiny, calm and carry good weight.

### **FEET**

Although Thoroughbreds are notorious for sensitive feet, please remember most of these horses have had four shoes continuously for years. On top of that they are accustomed to perfect, manicured footing. Think of the first time you go barefoot in the summer and equate it with the soreness you may see after pulling their shoes. I expect to see some foot soreness for at least a few days, sometimes a few weeks.

Their feet can be tender on cross country footing even with four shoes on at first. At first, I normally leave all four shoes on, but replace them with Queen's Plates. These are aluminum racing plates with no toe grabs, outer rims, stickers or jar caulks which all increase the traction of the horse for racing. There is a price for increased traction. It stops the natural movement of the horse. With plain shoes, your new horse will likely move better and avoid unwanted soundness issues.

I have seen people pull all four shoes immediately upon arrival to the farm and the horse then goes lame. His feet are sore and they should be! This can create a vicious cycle of broken up hoof walls, abscesses and lameness. I encourage everyone I work with to take the changing of shoeing slowly. Many times the show/pleasure people want to change the angles of the hooves. This should be done slowly over a few months, not within the first thirty days. If you are thinking you want to transition to a heavier shoe, space out the changes. You'll definitely get a better result.