

Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. 1949 Dalton Road

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## **Rainbow Meadows Retirement Program**

## Policies and Procedures

The equine retirement program at Rainbow Meadows is a 100% sponsored program, for a select number of owner surrender horses. Below are the guidelines related to admission into the program and various stipulations regarding sponsorship:

- I) The ownership of any prospective retired horse must be transferred to Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. by the completion and notarization of an Equine Transfer Form.
- 2) All related medical/wellness care and management decisions rest with Rainbow Meadows staff once the horse is admitted into the program.
- 3) The horse's annual retirement expenses must be totally sponsored with no less than monthly sponsorship donation.
- 4) The current sponsorship rate, which covers all routine maintenance, annual well-care (vaccinations, dental), routine farrier care, regular worming, general first aid, humane euthanasia and burial, etc. is \$325.00 per month. Aggressive medical care or surgery (severe founder, bone fracture, colic surgery, etc.,) are not included in the sponsorship rate. It is our belief that most horses of retirement age should not be subjected to aggressive medical interventions and will be humanely euthanized. The decision to apply heroic efforts or peacefully end the life of the animal is made under the direction of our Medical Director.
- 5) The retirement of the equine and all associated sponsorship responsibilities are formalized with a Letter of Agreement between the financially responsible party and Rainbow Meadows.
- 6) The decision to retire a horse IS NOT reversible without also agreeing to accept immediate possession of the horse prior to the last day of sponsorship.
- 7) Sponsorship rates will undoubtedly have to increase over time due to increasing maintenance costs (grain, hay, medical expenses, etc.). Sponsors must agree to reasonable rate increases. Sponsors will be provided adequate notice regarding increases.
- 8) Sponsorships are tax deductible donations to Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. which is a 501(c)(3) public charity.
- 9) Horses are accepted on a case by case basis.

- 10) Horses are maintained in naturalized herds, on nearly 240 acres of rocky, rolling prairie pasture. They are not stalled.
- 11) Horses must be up to date on all requisite vaccinations (EWT-WN and Rabies) within the past six months prior to retirement admission and have a negative Coggins within 6 months prior to arrival at Rainbow Meadows. They also must have a dental float within the past 6 months by a dental technician or qualified Veterinarian. Horses must also have a current Health Certificate issued within 10 days of transfer to Rainbow Meadows. All transportation arrangements must be made by the owner of record or a designated party.
- 12) No stallions are accepted for retirement.

