



NM equine Rescue at Walkin N Circles Ranch
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EQUINE ADOPTION PROCESS

Walkin N Circles Ranch, Inc. (WNCR) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) equine rescue that rehabilitates and finds homes for abandoned, abused, and neglected equines. Since 2002, we've remained true to our mission of providing all rescued equines with new beginnings and productive lives with loving, adoptive families. We are licensed, regulated and inspected annually by the NM Livestock Board and accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS).

Most equines that come to us have been seized by the Livestock Board due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. We also take equines surrendered by individuals. Our goal is to find suitable adopters and place our equines in a safe, comfortable environment where they will receive the care and attention they deserve.

Many of our equines have come to us with health and behavioral issues. It is up to the potential owner to assess their own needs and abilities, as well as the abilities of the equine. We will work with you to help make that assessment, but it is ultimately your responsibility to choose an equine that fits your abilities and lifestyle.

The first step is to view available equines and complete the **Adoption Inquiry Form** found under the **How to Adopt** tab at the top of our web home page (www.wncr.org). Our Adoption Team will then match your requirements with our available equines. If suitable potential matches are found, the Adoption Team will contact you to schedule a time to meet with you, the equine(s) and our trainers. Please note that WNCR does not adopt out known pregnant mares and the Executive Director and trainers must approve most special case adoptions, such as weaned foals up to age two, equines with long-term health issues, and others.

If potential equines are found, you will next **complete an Application for Adoption**. *At this stage, you will not have any rights to a specific equine.*

As a potential adopter, WNCR staff will next **perform an inspection of your facility**. We will look at various factors including shelter, fencing type and quality, run areas, companion animals, access to water and feed and storage for hay. Our objective is to ensure our equines will be kept in a safe and secure area with adequate exercise space. We will also consider the conditions of other animals on the premises WNCR reserves the right to deny an adoption application if factors lead us to believe an applicant would not be able to provide an appropriate environment for an equine.

Once you have made the final selection of an equine, you will **complete the Adoption Agreement and Covenant**. This is the contract between you and WNCR signed once the equine has arrived at its new home, at which time ownership will transfer to you.

A **non-refundable adoption fee** is to be paid at the time you sign the Adoption Agreement and Covenant. Adoption fees vary based on the age, condition and training level of the equine and are a necessary part of funding our rescue operations. Trailer transport and transitional feed costs may also apply.

For a short time after an adoption is complete, WNCR will contact you to provide support or address questions that may arise. Of course, we welcome you to connect with us any time after adoption if you have any questions or concerns about the care and well-being of your equine.

Thank you for your interest in our herd. We're excited to help find the best equine match for you!