



Sandhills Horse Rescue

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Foster Guidelines

Please read the following carefully and keep this sheet with your SRH paperwork.

- ◆ Your SRH Foster Coordinator (SHRFC) for the fostered equine's care is _____ and he/she can be contacted at _____.
- ◆ Before making any changes to diet, medical or farrier care, you need to contact your SHRFC for approval and to make them aware of the need or request for change. Alterations to the equine's diet (type, amount, supplements, etc.), excluding 1- 2 lb. feed changes to keep weight consistent, will require prior approval.
- ◆ Horses will arrive at your property with the following documents. If you do not receive these documents, please call your SHRFC
 - ✓ **Current negative Coggins test**
 - ✓ **Health record:** Showing history and future due dates for hoof care, vaccinations, and other medical / preventative care. Please follow the schedule for vaccinations, farrier care and preventative care.
 - ✓ **Feeding program:** If the feeding program will cause you a huge inconvenience, please call your SHRFC to discuss alternatives. Please do not deviate from this program without consulting the SHRFC. Many of SRH's horses are still re-gaining weight, being rehabilitated, or have special medical considerations. If the equine you are receiving is in need of rehabilitation due to malnutrition, SHR Advisory Veterinarian will advise you of a strict feeding plan for the individual equine. Follow the recommended plan and if you have any questions contact your SHRFC or the SHR Advisory Veterinarian.
- ◆ Prospective adopters, previously approved through an application process by SHR Board of Directors, may be calling you about the fostered equine and requesting additional information or scheduling time to visit the equine. When speaking with potential adopters about the horse, please be very honest. We are more concerned with placing horses in compatible homes than we are with placing them quickly as the equines long term health and wellbeing is of the utmost importance.
- ◆ Please keep a written record of when the equine receives veterinary care, farrier care, deworming, preventative care, emergency calls, etc. so that SHR can maintain an updated record for the equine in the event of adoption or relocation from your farm/facility. You may call her at the end of each month if you prefer.
- ◆ Horses must have fresh, clean water available at all times. If SHR needs to provide you with an extra bucket or trough, please contact your SHRFC.
- ◆ You might be able to avoid paying full price for feed and services related to the fostered equine. Ask your farrier, vet and feed supplier for donations and/or discounts. SHR is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization and can provide receipts if desired for charitable tax donation.

SHR is a non-profit organization operated solely on donations and generosity of our volunteers, equine sponsors, donors, and foster homes. By providing donation receipts for purchases made and services paid for by fosters for tax deduction purposes and sharing associated costs with foster homes, SHR can apply finances where they are needed the most and continue to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome equines in the Sandhills and surrounding areas. SHR greatly appreciates all that our foster homes do to assist us.

Equines can be expensive to manage therefore if you are requesting to be reimbursed for any expenses the following applies:

- SHR must be notified of any potential for reimbursement requests in advance so that it can be budgeted appropriately.
- SHR may have de-wormer, supplements, medications, etc. in stock; please ask to have the necessary items delivered or mailed to you instead of purchasing them out of pocket.
- Any supplement expense, beyond what is listed on the equine's foster agreement, must be pre-approved by a SHR Board of Directors Officer. The approval can be obtained through your SHRFC.
- Any costs associated with a SHR equine pertaining to routine care, beyond what is listed on the equine's foster agreement, must be pre-approved by a SHR Board of Directors Officer. The approval can be obtained through your SHRFC.
- SHR will only reimburse up to \$5.00 per bale for hay unless it has been pre-approved by an SHR Board of Directors Officer. The approval can be obtained through your SHRFC.
- SHR will only reimburse up to \$30.00 per month on bedding expenses unless pre-approved by an SHR Board of Directors Officer. The approval can be obtained through your SHRFC.
- SHR will only reimburse up to \$40.00 in an 8-week period for farrier expenses unless pre-approved by an SHR Board of Directors Officer. The approval can be obtained through your SHRFC.
- You must submit an original or unedited copy of the receipts in which you are requesting reimbursement. SHR makes necessary purchases and accepts equines into the program based on our expected monthly expenses so please submit receipts monthly if reimbursement is expected. **SHR will not reimburse expenses older than 30 days.**

The following must be followed whether you are being reimbursed for expenses or not:

- All routine and non-emergency visits from the veterinarian must be pre-approved. This *includes* routine work, such as vaccinations, dental exams, etc.
- Emergency veterinary care does *not* need to be pre-approved. SRH has established a guideline for emergency veterinary expenses which limits the maximum monetary amount spent based on specific criteria. Any care expected to cost above that would require monetary donations specific to the cause, sponsorship, or euthanasia of the equine. Please make every attempt to get in touch with a SHR Board of Directors member before making that decision.

Thank you again for being a part of Sandhills Horse Rescue's foster network. We could not do this without you, and deeply appreciate the care you provide the rescue equines.

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