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Greetings and welcome to the TMR Rescue Adoption Program. This letter aims to answer general questions about the adoption process and set clear expectations.

The backgrounds of the equines that come to us vary; some might have been loved, while others could have been abused, neglected, or abandoned before arriving at TMR. We always strive to match the right equine with every adopter. However, there are cases where an animal might be deemed unsuitable for adoption. In such instances, you may need to select another equine. If this rare situation arises, please understand it's for the well-being of both you and the equine. Our primary goal is to rehabilitate and rehome these special animals, with some requiring years to recover from past traumas.

After selecting your new family member, the process from then until delivery typically spans 4-8 weeks, though it can take longer under specific conditions. Once you've selected your equine, completed the necessary paperwork, and made the donation deposit for training, we'll initiate the training process. This includes evaluating the training potential of your equine(s), haltering, leading, farrier prep, trailer loading, and personalized sessions with you.

We strictly use positive reinforcement in our training. While this might extend the timeframe for training, it is the most effective way to earn the trust of the equine you're adopting. After the initial evaluation, we'll update you and schedule sessions for you to bond with your new companion. We expect adopters to attend multiple sessions, ensuring both you and the equine get familiarized and comfortable. Once training concludes, we'll coordinate the delivery or pickup of your equine.

The TMR team, along with the equines, deeply appreciate your patience and understanding. We've included several resource links to help you prepare for your new equine companion. Should you have any queries, please reach out to your Trainer or the Ranch Manager. Their contact details are in this packet.

Warm regards,

Team TMR

RESOURCE LINKS

The Donkey Sanctuary provides a wealth of information on the care and feeding of donkeys. They are one of the largest sanctuaries in the world and have been in operation since 1969.

<https://www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk/donkey-care>

Open Sanctuary provides additional resources, including information on the digestive systems of the donkey.

<https://opensanctuary.org/daily-diet-treats-supplements-for-donkeys/>

