



THE RIGHT STEP, INC.

THE HEALING POWER OF HORSES

A PATH Intl. Premier Therapeutic Riding Program

Dear Horse Owner:

Thank you for considering The Right Step, Inc. as the next home for your horse. The Right Step, Inc. has been bringing the healing power of horses to people with disabilities since 2008. It is very important to us that the horses we bring into the program are going to be happy in their work. Working in therapeutic riding is not the best fit for every horse. Please let us get to know a little bit about your horse by filling out and emailing our "evaluation" form to me at programdirector@therightstepinc.org.

After we review the evaluation form, we'll let you know if your horse does or does not fit the criteria for our program, or if we need more information. Most of the time we do an onsite evaluation with the horse so we can see how it acts in a familiar setting. This evaluation usually requires one or two members of The Right Step, Inc. and some of the equipment and obstacles that the horse will encounter while at The Right Step, Inc. We prefer to see the horse ridden by the owner or someone that is familiar with the horse, using the horse's regular saddle and bridle. After that, one of our representatives will ride the horse and we will do many skills tests to further assess the horse.

If the horse shows strong potential for working in the program, then we accept the horse on a 30 day Trial Period. Before coming onto the property, we would like a health certificate (done less than one week prior) and a negative Coggins within the past year. Your horse also needs to be current on vaccines, worming, and farrier.

Your horse can be accepted into the program at any time during the Trial Period. Occasionally, the Trial Period will be extended to allow further assessment. Once the horse has been accepted, The Right Step, Inc. receives ownership of the horse and you will receive a letter stating that the horse has been donated and ownership has officially transferred. You will then be responsible for a brand inspection. There is also the option of an open-ended free lease wherein the horse will return to you when he/she is ready to retire from the program.

The Right Step, Inc. is a non-profit organization and relies heavily on donations for horse care. As you know, keeping a horse for 30 days requires a significant amount of feed and resources for daily care. For this reason, you are responsible for any farrier and/or vet bills during the Trial Period.

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about The Right Step, Inc., our programs, or the donation process. We would love to have you come take a tour of the facility. Contact us to set up a date and time.

Thank you again for considering partnering with The Right Step, Inc. to benefit our clients and for giving us the opportunity to determine if your horse will be a good candidate for our program.

Emily Stibbards
Program Director