

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LEASING A PROJECT HOPE EQUINE

Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria Incorporated (PHHWV) is a non-profit, membership-based organisation dedicated to providing hope for equines through education, rehabilitation and advocacy.

Although our first aim is to assist owners through education, advice and support to rehabilitate their own equines we will consider, within our Charter guidelines, rescuing and rehabilitating any equine found abandoned, sick, injured, mistreated or neglected or likely to become so in the imminent future. The equines that come into our care go through rehabilitation with members. Once this is completed the equine becomes available for lease with a long-term carer.

To assist you with the decision to take on the long-term care of a equine, we provide the following information:

Rescue Horses:

During rehabilitation the horse's long term physical health and behaviour is assessed. The past history and health of a rescue horse will influence the future lifestyle suitable for them. They may be trail or pleasure riding, or a companion horse. They may need specialised care or require a carer who has training skills suitable to establish safe and consistent behaviours for their husbandry needs. All horses will have a profile with our recommendations.

Although there is no fee payable for the horse, there is a long-term lease agreement which is legally binding.

The Lease Agreement states that The Long-Term Carer will:

- Be a member of Project Hope whilst the lease is in place
- Provide, at the carer's expense, appropriate care for the equine at all times
- Keep the equine at a location known by and approved by PHHWV at all times
- Will not breed with the equine under any circumstances
- Will provide PHHWV with prior notice if the equine is to be euthanized unless under urgent veterinary advice
- Provide PHHWV with an update on the equine when renewing their membership each year.

The costs of caring for an equine– time and financial:

It is important to have a good understanding of the real costs involved and to review this with your budget.

Horses Require:

- Annual injections (with a vet visit)
- Annual dental care – sometimes more often
- Faecal egg count testing and worming as required
- Hoof care every 4-6 weeks
- Vitamin and mineral supplements
- Roughage such as hay – 2% of body weight per day (1x500kg horse requires 10kg). Within Victoria it is rare that we do not need to supplement feed with hay. This is usually in Summer and Winter at minimum. If the pasture has been improved for cattle, this also means the horses will have to be removed in Spring and fed hay.

There is always the need for spare finances for emergencies – health problems or injuries.

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Agistment and/or land management also need to be considered:

- To support safe handling for yourself, vets, farriers etc, it is important to have holding yards
- Often fencing is required for pasture management
- Management of the herd, ensuring they have horse companions in some way
- There is always the ongoing maintenance required when owning a property or agisting, such as weed control of pastures, providing clean, fresh water at all times, etc

Pre-Lease Requirements:

It is important to PHHWV that the equine finds a suitable home and that your experience with the equine is safe and enjoyable. To do this, there are several checks and discussions to be completed. We take into account your needs and the equine's needs and try to find a good match.

It is expected that any potential lessee will be prepared to meet the equine/s prior to finalising the lease to ensure there is a correct match.

The following steps are taken when an equine is being considered for leasing to a particular person:

- Is the person a member of PHHWV? Equines will only be leased to current financial members.
- Has a property check been conducted by a PHHWV Committee Member or their Authorised Representative? If you do not have an equine in mind and are able to wait, this may occur before considering a particular equine. If you are interested in a particular equine, then this can be done alongside the next step.
- The person who has overseen the care of the equine since it was surrendered to PHHWV will contact you to discuss your interest in leasing an equine and tell you more about the equine that you are interested in. The carer will organise with you a suitable day and time for you to visit and connect with the equine.

PLEASE NOTE: There may not always be equines available. We encourage prospective lessees to be patient, and those offering a home to be assured this is appreciated. Your new equine friend may be just around the corner!

If you are interested in offering a home to a rescued equine and think this is right for you, please complete our expression of interest. Hopefully we will be able to find a PHHWV horse for you!

Name of Applicant:	
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Date:		I am over 18 years of age:	
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Signature of Applicant:	
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If under 18 years of age, a Parent or Guardian must provide consent:

Name of Parent/Guardian:	
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Signature of Parent/Guardian:	
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Date:		Relationship to Applicant:	
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APPLICANTS DETAILS:

Name:		Are you a PHHWV Member:	
Email:		Ph. Number:	
Address:		Suburb/Town:	
Shire:		Postcode:	
How many people are in your family?		Ages of children:	
Will the equine live with you?		If no; who will care for the equine?	

WHERE THE EQUINE WILL BE KEPT:

Property Owner:		PIC:	
Address:		Suburb/Town:	
Postcode:		Shire:	
Type of Property:		Property Size:	
Available facilities for care and training of the equine: (e.g. round yard, safe area for farrier, etc.)			
How will the equine be kept? (e.g. 24/7 turnout, track system, equi-central, group turnout, individual turnout, etc.)			
Will the equine have access to shelter? What kind?			
What water will the equine have access to? (e.g. dam, town, bore, automatic water trough, etc.)			
What is the condition and type of fencing?			
Will the equine live with other Equines?			

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APPLICANTS EXPERIENCE:

Have you ever owned/leased an Equine?		If you currently own/lease an Equine, who takes care of it?	
Do you currently own/lease an Equine?		Describe your current Equines:	
Describe your previous experience with Equines:			
Describe your Equine handling skills:			
Describe your riding skills/history:			
Describe how you would care for/manage an Equine with a history of Laminitis:			
Describe how you would care for/manage a horse with Equine Metabolic Syndrome:			
Describe your understanding parasite management and your current worming regime:			
Describe your understanding of nutritional requirements and feeding practices for your Equines:			
Describe your understanding of hoof care (including your current hoof care regime and provider):			
Describe about your understanding of your Equines dental care requirements:			
Describe about your understanding of your Equines vaccination requirements:			

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APPLICANTS GOALS REGARDING LEASING A PHHWV EQUINE:

Why are you interested in a PHHWV Equine:	
What Type¹ of Equine are you interested in:	
What will the equine be used for:	
Do you have an interest in a particular PHHWV Equine?	
Please add any other relevant information here:	

I, _____, agree that the information provided in this document is true and correct.

Name of Applicant:			
Date:		I am over 18 years of age:	
Signature of Applicant:			

If under 18 years of age, a Parent or Guardian must complete the below, as well as the consent section on page

Name of Parent/Guardian:			
Signature of Parent/Guardian:			
Date:		Relationship to Applicant:	

¹ Type refers to DB, TB, SB, Hack, Galloway, Pony, Miniature, Donkey, or Mule.

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