



Winding Road Equine Rescue & Retirement, Inc.
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"Is Adopting or Fostering a Rescued Horse for Me?"

We take our commitment to these horses very seriously and we make every attempt to place rescue horses with homes where that commitment will be completely carried on, whether it be with a foster (temporary) home or adoptive (forever) home.

It is our intention to match horses and people who are well-suited to each other to encourage a safe and mutually satisfying relationship and to create a bond that may very well be life-changing for both of them.

Many of our horses are rescued from abuse/neglect situations and may have the potential to carry issues with them for some time. Some are rescued from auctions and there may be absolutely no known history about them.

Many rescue horses arrive with behavioral problems that likely stem from trust issues due to abuse, neglect, etc. Several scenarios create these problems, but we believe with love, care, consistency and training, a rescue horse is capable of regaining all the potential that passed them by through circumstances over which they had no control.

The most common issues (but certainly not all) rescued horses may have are:

- Not wanting to pick up their feet (ranging from not at all to will give--but not for long)
- Difficulty in in being caught
- Underweight/malnourished
- Aggression/Defensiveness
- Spooky, jumpy
- Not broke to ride
- Mild lameness (often occurring in older, gentle, retired riding horses)

Fostering or adopting a rescued horse involves great commitment--but it gives you the opportunity to make a difference, one horse at a time.

In order to foster or adopt a Winding Road horse, it is necessary to fill out our preliminary Foster/Adopt Application (PDF or Word). **Before you fill out the application**, please thoroughly read through the Frequently Asked Questions section regarding fostering and adopting. If you believe that fostering or adopting a rescue horse is for you, please fill out the form completely, and return it by e-mail attachment or mail it to:

Winding Road Equine Rescue & Retirement
1651 Old Highway 50 NE
Waverly, Kansas 66871

Once your adoption application is received, we will begin the process of checking your references. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis, however, we reserve the right to select the home we feel is the most appropriate for any particular horse. Applications must be filled out completely--please respond to each question and make sure your contact and reference phone numbers are correct.

WE DO CHECK ALL REFERENCES COMPLETELY