

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

REHOMING A HORSE OR PONY FROM TOUCHDOWN MEMORIAL HOME FOR HORSES

Q1 Why should I loan a horse from Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses?

A1 There may be many reasons why you would loan rather than buy a horse; You may not be sure if your circumstances will change for example; you are planning to change jobs, travel, go to university or it may be your first time owning a horse.

When loaning from a registered charity such as Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses you have the assurance of knowing all our horses have been through rehabilitation and are as sound as they can be, free of infectious disease, fully vaccinated, passported and wormed. You have the back-up of the charity if you experience any problems. A contract applies so there are no misunderstandings to the detriment of the horse.

You also know you are helping equines in need.

Q2 Which horses are available for loan?

A2 Please see “Meet our equines” pages on our website www.touchdownmhh.org

Q3 Are horses available for loan as companions?

A3 No only horses who can be worked in various ways are available for loan.

Q4 What is the cost of having a horse on loan?

A4 There is a one off rehoming fee of £250. The loaner pays the cost of transport to and from the loan home. Some of our horses travel in trailers and some do not so this may require a horse lorry During the period of the loan the loaner is responsible for all costs relating to the horse including insurance, feed, forage, bedding, grazing, veterinary costs including vaccination and worming; dentistry; farrier; provision, maintenance and replacement of all required equipment.

Q5 Do I become the owner of the horse?

A5 No the horse remains the property of the Charity. As his loaner you are his keeper and responsible for his keep, health and safety & welfare.

Q6 What are the capabilities of the horses available for loan?

A6 All horses have been through our rehabilitation programme and are sound and ready to commence lives in their new homes. Any ongoing health problems are noted on the horse’s biography.

They are all rescue horses so need and deserve tactful care and handling with empathy.

Q7 Are ex-racehorses fiery and crazy?

A7 No! Ex racehorses have been there and done that. They are used to everything and are good to handle They are very good for the farrier and vet as they have regular blood tests and other veterinary treatments and have new shoes before every race and they are good with noise, vehicles and crowds. They are used to busy yards and many admirers.

Q8 What are the minimum facilities needed for a home for a loan horse?

A8 As our horses are all rescues and have been through hard times it is essential for their comfort and for the health and safety of both loaner and horse that they have adequate facilities in their new home. All yards are different but as a minimum they need well-managed grazing with well-

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maintained equine fencing, shelter and water. They need access to as stable summer and winter even if it is not used daily. In order to guard against respiratory conditions all facilities, feed and forage must be completely dust free and hypo-allergenic. In order to guard these vulnerable horses against infection biosecurity measures must be implemented to a high standard. Security also needs to be to a high standard. Advice can be given by Horsewatch, BHS or police. All our horses are freemarked.

There will need to be somewhere safe to exercise him and he will need at least one friend

Q9 What are the skills of a successful horse loaner?

A9 Tact, empathy, resilience, tact, knowledge, time, tact, patience, perseverance and tact

Q10 What is the process when applying for a horse on loan?

A10 Please see our separate guidelines – Rehome process TMHH-REH-0001, available to download from our website.

Q11 Does the loan horse come with any equipment?

A11 He comes with any medically required equipment such as Boett rug As a small charity we do not have the funds to supply every horse with a full trousseau so he will need tack, rugs, grooming kit etc

Q12 How often are spot checks made during the loan period?

A12 Monthly or more frequently if required

Q13 What is the area within which the horse must be kept?

A13 Within a fifty mile radius of our charity centre

Q14 Are there any restrictions on what horses can do during their loan?

A14 For everyone's safety they can only be ridden by one named rider unless otherwise agreed in advance. They cannot be used for breeding or commercial purposes

Any other questions can be send to info@touchdownmhh.org