



DONATING YOUR HORSE

Thank you for your interest in donating your horse to Freedom Ride, a 501c3 nonprofit therapeutic riding program . It takes a special horse to become a Therapy horse. First and foremost is temperament- a pleasant, easy going, quiet attitude is a must.

Safety is the top priority and every horse undergoes a thorough assessment before being considered for therapeutic use. The horse must not kick, rear, buck, or bite. All horses must have a current negative coggins test and be up to date on all vaccinations. While minor health issues in an equine may be acceptable, we cannot accept a horse that has chronic health issues.

Below are some guidelines regarding our requirements for horses:

- Between 8-20 yrs old
- 13-16 hands
- Well-trained (with our limited time and resources, we do not have the ability to train a horse from the ground up).
- Must be sound in all four limbs. Soundness is important in order to have a rhythmic, free-moving stride at the walk, trot and canter.
- Be unflappable (nothing bothers them)
- Ability to adapt to different riders and situations with minimal stress
- It is important that your horse feel comfortable around a variety of people; many people handle them over the course of each day.

If we determine that your horse seems appropriate for our program, we will arrange a time to meet and ride the horse. At that time, if we feel the horse is a suitable candidate for our program, we will ask for a 90-day trial period at Freedom Ride. During the trial period, staff acclimate the new horse to the program and introduce the horse to things specific to therapeutic riding such as the mounting ramp, lift, wheelchairs, various toys and obstacles in the arena and getting used to leaders and sidewalkers beside them during a lesson. At the end of this trial period, the horse is evaluated for acceptance into the program. If accepted, a donation form is completed and Freedom Ride assumes ownership of the horse. By donating your horse to Freedom Ride, you can be assured that he or she will receive quality care, unlimited love, and constant attention.