

FINGER LAKES THOROUGHBRED ADOPTION PROGRAM, INC.

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Dear Potential Adopter:

Date: ___/___/___

- It is FLTAP's policy not to adopt to first time owners/novice riders. At this stage of their lives, OTTB's need to be handled by an experienced horsemen in order for the transition from track to riding horse to be successful.
- We are committed to finding suitable homes for each horse, as well as a horse suited to your needs. This lessens the potential for disappointment on both ends.
- If you are serious about adopting, please fill out the following form, even if you do not see the horse you would like. This is so we have your application on file so that when you do choose a horse, it makes for a quicker process.
- We do not hold horses while applications are being approved. The horse you may want may be adopted while you wait for your application to be approved.
- Please note that there is a **non-refundable \$10 processing fee** for each submitted application. We accept cash, check or PayPal.
- The adoption fee must be paid in full before a horse will be held. In which case the adopter will have 7 days to pick up said horse. After 7 days there will be a \$15 per day charge for board.
- We can recommend shippers if you need one.

ADOPTION APPLICATION

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone number (home) _____ (work) _____
Fax _____ Email _____
Please note the best way to reach you: _____

Current Employer: _____
If you are not employed, who will be financially responsible for the horse? _____

APPLICANT PREFERENCE FOR A HORSE

What qualities to you prefer?

Gender _____ Height _____ Color _____ Age _____

If you are interested in a specific horse that has been posted, please note here:

APPLICANT EXPERIENCE

What pets (horses, dogs, cats, etc.) have you owned in the past 5 years?

Species and/or Breed	Age	Sex	If no longer owned, what happened to the pet?

Do you currently own a horse? _____

If yes, breed and age _____

What type of riding do you do with your horse _____

If not how long has it been since you have? _____

Are you aware that the cost of caring for a horse (board or feed, vet, and farrier) is a minimum (emergencies excluded) of \$5,000 per year? _____

How long have you been riding? _____

Are you currently riding a horse/horses? _____

If yes, how many days per week? _____

If not, how long has it been since you've ridden? _____

Do you consider yourself a beginner, intermediate, or advanced rider? _____

Please describe in detail: _____

What style(s) of riding have you done? _____

Do you have experience with green/off the track thoroughbreds? _____

Please describe _____

Do you know a professional horse person who will help you in retraining your adopted horse? _____

Please provide the person's name and phone number.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS & INTENDED USE FOR THIS HORSE

You must send photos of the barns, stalls, paddocks/pastures where the horse will live.

Your application will not be complete until the photos are received.

Photos can be mailed to FLTAP, PO Box 25043, Farmington, NY 14425, or emailed to Ladyalina14@yahoo.com. Please include the same name and address in the body of the email used above so we can match photos to the application.

What is the intended use for this horse? _____

Will the horse be stabled on your property at the above listed address? _____

If boarded out, please give the name and address of the owner of the facility:

If kept on your property, how many acres will the horse be pastured on: _____

Are there other horses on the property? _____

What type of shelter do you have for the horses i.e. barn, run-in shed, etc? _____

Are there adequate stalls and a separate area to introduce this horse slowly to other horses? (Racehorses spend a great deal of time by themselves and must be introduced gradually to other horses.) _____

What type of fencing will the horse be kept in? _____

REFERENCES:

Please contact your references to alert them that we will be contacting them. This helps speed up the application process.

Please list name, phone number, and address of the *veterinarian* that you currently use. Please note if you are not currently a client, and why? _____

Please list the name and phone number of the *instructor/trainer* that you will use to help you with the horse:

Please list two character references (with phone numbers or email addresses) who are familiar with your care of horses. Please exclude family members.

FLTAP TERMS OF ADOPTION

Please initial each box.

- This horse may not be raced or sold at an auction for the remainder of its life.
- This horse will never be sent to a slaughter facility. If the horse needs to be euthanized, it must be done in a humane way by lethal injection administered by a licensed veterinarian. FLTAP requests to be notified before, if possible, if not, immediately after death of the adopted horse. A death certificate must be provided, such as a veterinarian's invoice or written statement from a veterinarian.
- This horse *will* need additional training for any discipline or riding that Adoptive Owner may be interested in pursuing. It is highly recommended by FLTAP staff that the adopted horse has at least one week to become acclimated to its new home before beginning any intensive training.
- The adoption is provisional for one year. During that year the prospective owner will report back to FLTAP at regular intervals. At the end of the year, if all is satisfactory, the horse's papers will be turned over to the adopter.
- FLTAP may make unannounced visits to the horse at any time. If the horse is found to be either in poor condition, such as extremely thin with prominence of ribs, covered with open or healing wounds or other visible signs of poor care or mistreatment, or in a paddock clearly inundated with manure or water, FLTAP retains the right to repossess the horse without notice.
- If the horse is deemed to be unsuitable during the probationary year, the horse must be returned to FLTAP at the expense of the Adopter. FLTAP needs at least a 30 day notice before they can take a horse back and will only be able to take the horse when a stall is available. **No refunds will be given.**
- The horse **MUST** be returned in the same or better condition as when adopted or the Adoptive Owner is responsible for any costs associated with the horse's ailment(s). Ailments can be, but are not limited to: cuts, respiratory illness, or other ailments received while in the Adoptive Owners possession.
- This contract will remain with the horse for life.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Off the track Thoroughbreds are used to being kept in stalls for the majority of the days. For this reason, it is highly recommended by FLTAP staff that your new horse be given time to slowly become acclimated to larger areas of turnout, as well as the company of other horses.
- The adopted horse may take *three or more months* to adjust to a new environment. Changes in housing and routine may produce changes in the behavior of the horse; therefore additional training for both riding and ground manners may be necessary. Training or consultation by an equine *professional* is recommended to ease transition stress for both the new owner and horse.
- FLTAP will gladly honor the Adoptive Owner's request for a pre-adoption veterinary consultation, to be paid for by the Adoptive Owner.
- Horses are unpredictable animals. Consequently, FLTAP is not responsible for any damages to persons or property once the horse is adopted.

I have thoroughly read and fully understand the terms of this 4-page application.
MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ADOPT

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____