



Equine Voices Sale and Breeding Policy

Dear _____,

All of us at Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary would like to thank you for participating in our adoption program. Our rescue efforts would not be possible if it were not for people like you who have opened their homes and hearts to the many PMU mares and foals headed to slaughter.

As many of you know, our adoption program is open to individuals on a nationwide basis. Individuals can find out about the horses available by viewing the horses that are at the sanctuary and those posted on our website.

Recent inquiries by potential candidates has given rise to the need to compose this letter outlining in writing, certain aspects of our adoption policy that may have been only conveyed verbally as adoptions have been finalized. Equine Voices intends for all horses adopted through our program to be safe and in a family that has made a life long commitment to them.

Two areas of the adoption policy will be clarified.

The first deals with the sale of all animals that have been adopted from Equine Voices. Equine Voices retains the first right of refusal on all animals for their **lifetime**. This means that **no** animal(s) adopted from Equine Voices, shall be sold or traded. If for any reason, the adopted animal(s) will no longer be residing with the named adoptive family, they **must** be returned to the sanctuary if the adoptive family can no longer care for them. This is clearly outlined in the adoption paperwork. Equine Voices needs **immediate** notification so that arrangements can be made for their safe return to the sanctuary.

Secondly, Equine Voices takes a strong position regarding the prohibition of use of all mares and fillies, adopted from our program, for breeding purposes. Equine Voices believes that the Premarin farms' breeding practices of keeping the mares pregnant, while collecting their urine and separating their foals at a very young age is abusive, and to protect the mare from further stress and heartache, we ask that all adopters refrain from further breeding. If this is a problem for any adopter or potential adopter, the mares should remain in the care of Equine Voices.

The horrors these horses have endured have ended for them once they were rescued from slaughter and our mission is to allow the horses to live a life free of pain and suffering.

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary hopes that our adoptive parents reaffirm these policies. Please sign below and return this original letter within five (5) days to the address below.

Thank you again for your participation in our adoption program

A Voice For The Horses,

Karen Pomroy
President/Founder
Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

Signature Adoptive Parent _____
Date

Printed Name