

# FINGER LAKES THOROUGHBRED ADOPTION PROGRAM, INC.

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Dear Potential Adopter:

- Please note that there is a **non-refundable \$10 processing fee** for each submitted application. We accept cash, check or paypal.
- It is the policy of FLTAP to not adopt to first time owners/novice riders. At this stage of their lives, OTTB's need to be handled by an experienced people in order for the transition from track to riding horse to be successful.
- 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 once you do choose a horse, and 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- If you are having trouble finding a shipper, ask us and we can provide you with the name and phone number of one of our recommended shippers.

## 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 not how long has it been since you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware that the cost of caring for a horse is a minimum (emergencies excluded) of \$3,000 per year? (Feed, vet, farrier, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

What style(s) of riding have you done? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If not, do you know an experienced horse person who would be willing to 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

As part of the application, we will request pictures of the shelter, pasture, and stalls where this horse will be kept in and possibly, pictures of other horses kept on the property. Please attach, include, or email pictures of the accommodations the horse will be provided with.

**Your application will not be complete until the pictures are received.**

Pictures can be mailed to the P.O box address on page 1 of this application or emailed to

[fltaptangney@yahoo.com](mailto:fltaptangney@yahoo.com) or [fltapkgaffney@yahoo.com](mailto:fltapkgaffney@yahoo.com)

What are the intended use/hopes for this horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the horse be stabled on your property at the above listed address or boarded out? \_\_\_\_\_

If the horse will be boarded out, please provide the stable name, owner name, address and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 and why, this helps speed up the application processing.**

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the name and phone number of the Farrier that you currently use. Please note if you are not currently a client, and why:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

## TERMS OF ADOPTION and APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- This horse may not be raced or sold at an auction for the remainder of its life.
- This horse may need additional training for 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.
- It is agreed that 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.
- If the horse is deemed to be unsuitable at any point in time, the horse must be returned to FLTAP at the expense of the Adopter. A *minimum* of 30 days notice is required. **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.
- FLTAP requests the right to visit said horse at any unannounced time. Please note that if the horse is found to be either in poor condition, such as extremely thin with prominence of ribs, covered with visible open or healing wounds or other visible signs of poor care or mistreatment, or living in a squalid environment such as a stall clearly packed with feces or in a paddock clearly inundated in manure or water, FLTAP retains the right to repossess the horse without notice.

### 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.

Signature of applicant/guardian(if applicant under age 18):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_