

**FINGER LAKES THOROUGHBRED
ADOPTION PROGRAM, INC.
PLACEMENT AGREEMENT**

The recipient agrees to the following conditions and regulations:

1. The named horse may only be transferred back to the Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program, Inc. during the initial one-year lease period. After the successful completion of the lease, the horse will then be signed over to the adoptive owner. During the lease period, the recipient may only release the horse from his/her care to the FLTAP. After the lease period, if the new owner decides he/she can no longer care for the horse, then the FLTAP reserves the right of first refusal in taking the horse back into its program.
2. The horse may not be raced, bred, sold, given away, assigned or disposed of, or have any interest in thereof transferred during this period. The horse may not be used for commercial purposes. Should a life-threatening situation arise, the named horse may only be humanely euthanized by a licensed veterinarian.
3. Transportation arrangements and cost are the responsibility of the recipient at the time of placement or in the event of return to the FLTAP.
4. If the recipient changes the location of the horse or changes the horse's veterinarian, the FLTAP must be provided the new stabling information and the veterinarian information within 5 days of said change.
5. **Required weight:** Named horse must maintain proper weight and condition as described in the Henneke Scoring System: "Fleshy #7" (see description below). Fat should fill the spaced between the ribs. Fat should also be noticeable along the withers, neck and behind the shoulders. Upon acquiring a horse in condition and weight other than #7, Fleshy, the recipient is required to improve the horse's weight and condition to Fleshy #7 within a reasonable amount of time.

HENNEKE CONDITION SCORING SYSTEM (From Standards published by the National Animal Control Association)

Description: The Henneke System is a consistent system for objective evaluation of a horse's body condition. The six points on horses that are most responsive to changes in body fat are: the lumbar spinous processes (bony projections of the spine over the loin), ribs, tailhead, area behind the shoulders, crest of the neck and the wither. Palpation of these areas and visual evaluation are combined to give a numerical score. A horse that scores 1 has no apparent fat cover and is emaciated. An animal scoring 9 is an obese animal.

Definition: (7) FLESHY – There may be a crease down the back and while the ribs can be felt, fat fills the spaces between them; fat is also noticeable along the withers and next to and behind the shoulders. This is the level that halter horses are kept and it is also a good level for horses wintering outside of a stall.

6. **Required Care:** Proper feeding to maintain weight at "Fleshy" according to the Henneke Scoring System, free access to water, minimum three-sided shelter and adequate fencing, worming and farrier care.
7. **Required Veterinary Care:** Spring and/or Fall inoculations and dental care as recommended by your veterinarian.

