

# TERMS OF ADOPTION OF EQUIDAE (DONKEYS & PONEYS)

## General terms

The adoption is done for the sole benefit of the animal, to provide it with care adapted to its physical, ethological and behavioural needs. The adopter commits to never use violence toward the animal.

### **None of our horses are ridden!**

The animal must not be used for any labour or commercial use, no commercial, professional, occasional or any other profit may (however small) be made of it. The adopter may therefore not sell the animal, nor participate in any competition or use the animal for the collection of funds or in general draw any profit whatsoever from the animal.

Reproduction is strictly forbidden.

The association remains owner of the animal, but the adopter becomes civilly responsible. He has legal and material custody => veterinary and farrier expenses or any care expenses are his responsibility. Likewise, all expenses caused by an accident or if the animal escapes his control and gets on the public road will be carried by the adopter or his private liability insurance.

Adoptions are only possible on Belgian territory.

The contract is signed with the person who will be responsible for the animal. It is impossible to adopt for a third party. The adopter commits to supporting the association at least during the time he is responsible for the animal up to a minimum of 15€ per year.

## Accommodation

The donkey/poney must be kept on a fenced in meadow of at least 25 acres (per animal), with a box closed on 3 sides and a minimum surface of 9m<sup>2</sup> per donkey/poney.

Barbed fences or any other device that may hurt the animal are strictly forbidden. They must be adapted to the size and behaviour of the animal and strong enough.

Donkeys are very chilly animals, sensitive to cold, wind and humidity. A box must be available, and the horse must be housed there every night in winter, in bad weather or any other situation where it seems necessary. It must be fitted out and maintained and provided with the necessary litter (wheat straw, chips or flax) and have a drinking trough (ideally at a constant level and certainly not with pallets). It may not contain any object or device that may hurt the animal. Its surface must be minimum 9m<sup>2</sup>. The prairie shelter and the box may be in the same building.

The place where the horse is kept must be on private domain, sufficiently secured and monitored by the adopter. If the animal is not housed at home, it must be at least nearby.

The donkey/poney may not be tied up for an extended period of time. The donkey/poney must always enjoy the company of another animal of its species (not horse or only poney). It must never be left alone.

The adopter makes all reasonable arrangements to prevent the animal from escaping and, should the animal escape, notwithstanding these precautions, he will declare within 24 hours the loss of the animal to the association and to the police headquarters of the place where the animal was lost.

The adopter notifies any change in the address and/or telephone to the association since the wellbeing of the animal will be checked till its death. If the adopter plans to move the animal, he commits formally to notify in advance the association. The association will agree or not with the move, after inspection of the new accommodations.

## Health

The donkey/poney must have permanent access to sufficient drinking water. It must receive an appropriate diet according to the seasons and the pasture resources. During winter the animal will receive straw and hay as well as a flaked food supplement appropriate for its age and health. Its feet must be regularly and adequately maintained by a professional farrier, by a trimming at least every 12 weeks. The adopter will take care to avoid any risk of laminae by monitoring its food. The adopter will ensure that the donkey's teeth are monitored by an equine veterinary dentist.

The passport of the donkey/poney will be with it at all times during possible trips (ex. clinic), and the vaccines must be registered therein and kept up to date (tetanus, equine influenza and rhinopneumonia). The donkey/poney is in order for vaccination upon adoption.

The donkey/poney must be dewormed 4 X a year using different dewormers (ideally in March and September with fenbendazole, ivermectine or moxidectine, and in June and November with praziquantel paired with avermectine).

The donkey/poney is in order for deworming according with this protocol upon adoption.

The adopter must contact the association immediately by phone/mail in case of a problem that endangers the life of the animal. A decision to euthanize will, except in the event of an extreme urgency attested by its veterinarian, be made jointly by the association, the adopter and his veterinary. The animal may only be killed by means of an injection of Pentobarbital or T61 administered by a licensed veterinary. If the adopter decides to keep the animal no longer at home, he will return the animal free of charge to the association.

If the adopter wishes a third party to adopt the animal in his place, he cannot move the animal before the candidate adopter has completed the procedure of the adoption request and the association has agreed with the adoption.

The adopter delivers a veterinary certificate stating the death or euthanasia of the goose or the duck, mentioning at least its chip identification number if it has one and the number of the adoption contract.

## Control

The wellbeing of the animal may be controlled at any moment by the members delegated by the association. The adopter may not refuse access to the place where the animal lives to the delegates and will provide the delegate with all information he may require concerning the living conditions and health of the animal.

The adopter commits also to inform the association at least every six months of the evolution and health of the animal and deliver at that time at least one recent photograph (less than a month old) of the animal.

In case one of the clauses of the adoption contract is violated, the adopter allowed the association to repossess the adopted animal immediately and of right, without any formality or allowance and without prejudice to legal procedures that may be brought against it.

*By signing this document, you expressly consent to the processing of your personal data in accordance with the provisions established by our association, in strict compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), that can be consulted on our website.*

SPECIAL CLAUSE

For approval: READ and APPROVED (handwritten mention)

I, the undersigned: (in capital letters please)

Signature of the adopter:

Signature of the agent: