

Gentle Giants Adoption Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in Gentle Giants and adopting a rescue horse!

Our Adoption Survey will help us get a good feel for your needs so that we can identify the best possible matches from our available horses. Please take time to fill out these questions thoroughly.

Email:

Name:

Are you willing to open your home to a horse who may have limitations or special needs? Of the following, what special needs are you willing to consider? Check all that may apply.

- Specialized farrier care / shoeing
- Oral sedation for hoof / farrier care
- IV sedation for hoof / farrier care
- Once daily medication
- Twice daily medication
- Daily supplement
- Monthly injections
- Specialized diet (for example: no hay, mashed grain, etc.)
- Specialized turnout (for example: no grass, single sex herd, etc.)

For you, what are the most important aspects of adoption? (for example: riding)

- Horses personality?
- Feeling an emotional connection with the horse?
- Horse performing a specific skill?
- Horses ability to fit in with existing herd?
- Horse breed, color, age or appearance?
- Sex of the horse (mare vs. gelding)?
- Must your adopted horse fulfil a role to stay in your home? (for example: riding) If you require your adopted horse to ride what kind of riding do you plan to do?
- What gaits are important to you? (walk only, walk/trot, walk/trot/canter)?
- How many times per week do you plan to ride
- For how long to you anticipate each ride being?
- What type of terrain will you be riding on? (for example: ring or arena, flat or gently rolling trails, mountain or rocky)?

According to our categories of riding level, where would you place your riding level?
PLEASE BE HONEST USING THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED BELOW. We have horses suitable for all types of riders and we want potential adopters visiting our farm to be safe and also to facilitate positive experiences for the horses.

- Beginner - Tacking under supervision, comfortable at a walk but needs work at the trot
- Intermediate Beginner - Tacking under supervision and comfortable at the walk, sitting trot and riding trot. Understands diagonals but may not always get them correct.
- Advanced Beginner - Tacking independently and comfortable with sitting and rising trot, with correct diagonals, beginning canter.
- Novice - Comfortable walk/trot/canter on level ground, with or without stirrups. Comfortable with sudden changes in speed or direction. Learning correct leads.
- Intermediate - Comfortable walk/trot/canter over uneven ground, with or without stirrups. Understands correct leads. Comfortable with sudden changes in speed or direction. Ability to ride green horses with some behavior problems as well.
- Advanced - Comfortable and confident in all gaits over uneven ground. Understands and can train subtleties of riding such as leg yield, side pass, changing stride lengths and canter leads. Able to handle severe behavior problems calmly. Experienced with training problem horses or starting unbroken horses independently.

How would you describe your ground handling level of experience?

Are you or anyone that would be riding the horse over 240lbs? If so, please indicate approximate weight. We have horses suitable for all sizes of riders, but we want to avoid making suggestions of horses that might be too small or have weight restrictions.

Do you currently work with a trainer or instructor?

Do you have the riding skill to continue the training of a green horse?

What green horse behaviors are you willing to consider?

- Spooking
- Bucking
- Nervous
- Pushy on the ground
- Herd bound
- Rearing
- Bolting

- Unbalanced
- Proud cut / Stud-ish behavior

What do you expect to spend monthly and annually on the care of your adopted horse?
Please list the amounts for both monthly and annually.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey! I will review your responses and am excited to introduce you to horses best suited to your needs!