



ADOPTION PARTNER “WARM-UP RING” AGREEMENT

Organizations wishing to become a Right Horse Adoption Partner that would benefit from time and/or support to meet the criteria are welcome to join the Warm-Up Ring. Being in the Warm-Up Ring denotes that organizations are working towards becoming full partners by bringing certain elements of the organization’s structure, processes or policies in alignment with the adoption partner criteria checklist.

To join the Warm-Up Ring, organizations must first agree to the following:

1. Share a desire to increase adoptions. Understand that the more horses are adopted out, the more horses can be saved. This means:
 - a. Offering horses as available for adoption.
 - b. Being open, responsive and transparent with the public.
 - c. Actively welcoming adopters to your organization and adoption opportunities.
 - d. Being willing to innovate and try new things in the spirit of helping more horses.
2. Have a collaborative spirit and willingness to work with other adoption organizations:
 - a. Respect differences of opinions and methods among partners and other industry groups who are Right Horse partners (and otherwise).
 - b. Engage in polite, respectful conversation including written, verbal and social media communication.
 - c. Be willing to share and receive ideas, best practices, tactics and strategies.
 - d. Be open to considering transferring horses to and from other organizations.
3. Participate in Equine Welfare Data Collective (EWDC) data surveys twice a year.

The expectation is for those in the warm up ring to be actively working towards full partnership working toward a target date of their own choosing.





Ready to join? Have each of your board members (if you are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization) or leadership (if a municipal shelter) sign this agreement (see following page).

- a. Leadership and key staff who are responsible for day to day operations and adoptions should review and sign this agreement, such as executive director, equine manager, and/or adoption manager.

Full name of organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Target date by which organization will complete the criteria checklist to become a partner:

By signing this agreement, you support the organization joining the Warm-Up Ring and working toward full partnership with The Right Horse Initiative. Signatures are required from all board members as well as any key staff members.

Board President - Required

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Board Treasurer - Required

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Board Secretary - Required

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

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Board Member or Key Staff - Required

Role/title: _____

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Printed name: _____

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