

**INITIAL EQUINE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you for considering your equine for REACH. It is the policy of REACH to accept loans or donations of equines from their owners for the purpose of our Equine Assisted Activities and Therapy Program. Equines accepted into the REACH program must be mentally and physically healthy and sound, and they must be able to maintain a moderate work schedule. REACH is not a sanctuary for retired equines, nor a rescue organization, but rather a place where a special category of equines comes to fill a special need. Therapy horses must be tolerant of unbalanced and erratic riders, loud noises, side walkers on both sides of them, wheelchairs and walkers, and other unusual equipment and therapeutic items. Therapy horses are ridden with leaders and independently, depending on the ability of the rider. Many riders are unskilled and inexperienced. Please consider whether your horse would succeed in this type of environment.

REACH requires the Initial Equine Questionnaire be completed and a visit by our staff, preferably at the equine’s present location, prior to accepting a horse for trial. Upon the evaluators’ recommendation, the equine will be transported to REACH for further evaluation. There are two components to the on-site evaluation: 15-30 days with staff only working with and riding the equine and 30 days in the program on the schedule. Once the equine is accepted into the program, donation or loan agreements will be drawn up. All equines on loan to REACH must be available for a minimum of one year.

The owner is requested to transport the equine to REACH. If, after the trial period, the equine is not considered appropriate for REACH program, REACH will return the equine to the owner. Acceptance of the equine for a trial period does not obligate REACH to accept the equine into its program.

**REACH requests:**

At the initial evaluation when the staff visits the equine, the owner is asked to demonstrate or have someone demonstrate, how the equine moves in hand and under saddle at a walk, trot and canter. The staff may also ride the equine and introduce it to a variety of objects used in therapy.

The equine be recently trimmed/shod.

The equine be able to load and travel properly in a horse trailer.

A copy of the equine's previous year's veterinary records (including vaccinations, teeth floating, and any other visits from the vet). Equine must be current on all shots and have a negative Coggins test.

The owner agrees to pay for any major medical costs (more than $250.00) related to their equine during the trial period.

According to the REACH Board of Directors, REACH veterinarian, and REACH guidelines, REACH cannot accept equines:

* With EIA
* That are blind in one or both eyes
* Stallions

If you feel like your horse will respond and thrive in a therapeutic riding program, please fill out this form and email it to [Ride@REACHtrc.org](mailto:Ride@REACHtrc.org).



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**Owner Contact Information:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email:

**Equine Information:**

Name: AKA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Color including Markings: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of last: Coggins:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vaccines: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Farrier: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Float: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Worming: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Current and past medical issues**

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| **Issue** | **Year** | **Comments** |
| Founder |  |  |
| Colic |  |  |
| Navicular Disease |  |  |
| Leg Injury |  |  |
| Digestive Issues |  |  |
| Surgery |  |  |
| Teeth Issues |  |  |
| EPM |  |  |
| Injuries from previous accidents |  |  |
| Other |  |  |
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If we have questions about this horse’s health, may we contact your veterinarian?

Current veterinarian and contact information \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does this horse have any physical limitations?

Current supplements \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



Does this horse walk-trot-canter?

How long have you owned this horse?

Why are you looking for a new home for this horse?

Many of the horses at REACH are currently on loan, meaning that while REACH maintains all feeding, worming, vaccination, farrier, and reasonable veterinary care while the hose is being used by the facility, the owner maintains ownership. Other horses have been donated to REACH and the owner relinquishes all rights and ownership of the horse. **Due to the limited amount of resources for retired horses, REACH encourages horse loans rather than donations.**

At this time, are you considering a full donation or loan?

Why do you think this horse is a good candidate for therapeutic riding?

What are the various disciplines that this horse has participated in? (Trail riding, showing English or Western, barrels, pleasure only, etc.)?

How often was it ridden while in your care? (i.e., two or three times a week or month, etc.)

When was this horse last ridden?

While in your care, has this horse lived with other horses in a pasture, or has it been kept in a stall?

Will this horse tolerate being in a barn and stall for extended periods of time?

Is this horse stabled at your home or boarded elsewhere?

What, if any, bad habits does this horse have?



What is the health history of this horse?

Does this horse stand quietly for a farrier and veterinarian?

Does this horse load in a trailer with little or no fuss?

On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is an untrained horse and 10 is a completely trained horse and can be ridden by a first time rider, how would you rate this horse?

Would you feel comfortable putting an unskilled rider with disabilities on this horse?

**Ground Work:**

Our therapy horses are used extensively in hand. Has this horse been shown or trained in-hand? Please explain:

Has this horse had any Parelli (or similar) training or experience? If yes, please explain:

Has this horse had any desensitization training? If yes, please explain:

Can this horse be led from either side?

Can this horse be lunged on a lunge line?

Does this horse have round pen experience?

Can this horse be caught easily in the turnout area?

Does this horse get along with other horses?

**Additional Information:**