



INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE OWNERS

Most of the horses available for adoption come to us straight from racing. Most are not started under saddle, but are relatively easy to start due to being well handled during their racing career. It is up to you to start them under saddle, however, we are happy to refer you to others who are familiar with the re-education of Standardbreds.

Transport costs are met by you. (The horses offered to you may be anywhere in QLD). Ideally we try and place you with a horse close to you, however, this is not always possible.

ONGOING CARE OF A HORSE

The cost of keeping a horse is not cheap, before adopting or purchasing a Standardbred you need to consider the ongoing costs which are for services you must perform for the health of your horse.

FEEDING, REGULAR WORMING, REGULAR SHOEING OR TRIMMING OF FEET BY A FARRIER, ANNUAL VACCINATIONS, DENTISTRY BY A QUALIFIED HORSE DENTIST/VET, RUGGING IF NECESSARY.

ADOPTION PROGRAM – SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

1. You will need to join the SAQ for a period of at least two years (the twelve months while you “lease” the horse and the first 12 months of your ownership if you decide to keep the horse).
2. A Horse Placement Fee of \$50.00 per horse applies to all Adoptions, and needs to be paid in addition to the SAQ Annual Membership and joining fee.
3. Two Health and Well being Checks (at 6 months and 12 months) must be performed when you receive your notice to do so (if this is requested by the owner/trainer)
4. You will need to sign an Adoption Agreement and Health Check Agreement and abide by all the terms and conditions within those agreements.
5. The SAQ Inc are the legal owners of the horse for the first 12 months of your adoption period. Therefore, if for any reason you no longer wish to continue with the adoption of the horse, he/she must be returned to the SAQ at your expense. The horse may not be given away or sold during this lease period. At completion of the 12 month lease period, and if all the conditions have been met, you may apply for transfer of ownership into your name. NB. We do not transfer ownership through the Qld Harness Racing Board.
6. If you move the horse to a different location at any time during the initial 12 month period, you must notify SAQ Inc, in writing within 14 days of having moved the horse.

NB. Failure to comply with any of the programs conditions will result in removal of the horse from your possession.

Disclaimer

The SAQ Inc will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to any member, associate or guest in any function or ride. The SAQ Inc. members shall hold the SAQ Inc harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising out of any incident. The committee, whose decision is final, shall determine any matter arising, not specifically provided for in the foregoing. The SAQ Inc Committee has the right to suspend anyone from riding if they are unable to control their horse. The SAQ Inc do not guarantee the quality, condition, temperament or appropriateness of the horses placed in our horse placement program. The final selection and decision to take a horse is the responsibility of the individual member and or their relevant guardian.



**Standardbred Association
Queensland**

Horse Adoption/Purchase Application

Standardbreds are regularly being offered through the SAQ Inc. Horse Placement Program to good homes. Most of the horses offered have not been broken to saddle, but are very easy to re-educate by anyone with some experience, commonsense and lots of patience. The temperament of the breed in general makes the Standardbred suitable for almost any use, and they are easily handled by a sensible beginner.

If you need assistance to re-start your Standardbred under saddle, the Association may be able to provide you with names of some people who are familiar with the re-education of Standardbreds.

The horses are retired from racing, or are unsuitable for racing for many reasons; some are just not fast enough, others may have minor injuries. Your intended use will influence the type of horse that is suitable. Many minor injuries which prevent a horse from racing, do not re-occur in the less stressful situations of retirement homes.

All horses adopted through the SAQ Inc are placed on a free lease basis for the first 12 months. During this period, all upkeep of the horse (including vet bills, farriery, worming etc) is the responsibility of the lessee. During the first 12 months the lessee will also be required to have two "Well-being" checks (one at 6 months and one at 12 months) performed by a vet (if requested by the horses original owner/trainer). These checks are to ensure the wellbeing of the horse and the cost is to be met by the lessee. If, for any reason during this time, the horse is found to be unsuitable, it is simply a matter of surrendering the horse for re-adoption.

A lease contract must be signed upon taking possession of a horse, and you must agree that the horse will NOT be raced or used for commercial purposes such as riding schools etc. At completion of the lease period, if all parties are satisfied, full ownership of the horse will be transferred to you.

Once you have returned this form, along with your membership application and horse placement fees of \$50.00, the Horse Placement Officer will note your details and advise you of any suitable horses. If you do secure a horse from another source, we ask that you inform the Horse Placement Officer. At times, it may take a while to locate 'the perfect horse', but when a horse needs a home it is often less than 24 hours that makes the difference between life and death.

Please answer the questions on the reverse of this form as honestly as possible as this information will enable us to select a horse that most suits your needs. Completed forms and membership fees should be sent to:

Horse Placement Officer
SAQ Inc
PO Box 348
ROSEWOOD QLD 4340

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB/TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ POSTCODE: _____

PHONE (AH): _____ (BH) _____ (MO) _____

EMAIL: _____

Number of Horses you are looking for: _____

Which Placement Program do you want to be in? (If willing to purchase indicate amount you are willing to spend)

Adoption only _____ Purchase only \$ _____ Both _____ \$ _____

Do you own or have you owned a horse before? _____

The Horse will be ridden/handled mostly by? Lady _____ Gent _____ Child (age) _____

Level of experience? Beginner _____ Moderate _____ Advanced _____

Are you able to start the horse undersaddle or are you prepared to have someone start the horse undersaddle for you? (we can provide details of recommended trainers) _____

What will you use the horse for (eg trail riding, showing, pony club, dressage, harness etc)?

Where will the horse be kept? At your residence _____ Agistment _____

Will the horse be under supervision? At all times _____ Daily _____ Weekly _____

Your preference for your Horse

Gender: Mare _____ Gelding _____ None _____

Age: 1 – 5 yrs _____ 5 – 10 yrs _____ 10yrs + _____ None _____

Size: Under 15 hh _____ 15 – 16 hh _____ 16 hh + _____ None _____

Any other details that may assist selection: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

HORSE ADOPTION CHECKLIST

BEFORE RETURNING YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING:

- “Membership Application” &/or “Horse Adoption Application” forms completed (including signature and date) and attached.
- Membership Fees* (Family, Single or Junior) included (if not an existing member) as cheque or money order. Please tick if an existing member.
- \$50.00 Adoption Application Fee* included as cheque or money order.

All cheques & money orders to be made payable to “SAQ Inc”.

*Membership and adoption application fees can be submitted on a single cheque or money order. For example: \$55 membership + \$50 adoption = \$105 total.

SAQ Inc can only accept payment via cheque or money order. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL!

Completed Forms and payment to be sent to: Horse Placement Officer

SAQ Inc
PO BOX 348
Rosewood
QLD 4340

