



Want To Donate A Horse?

THANKS SO MUCH for your interest in placing your horse at the The MAGICAL Meadows Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center.

Horses for our program need to be safe, predictable, and sound. Your horse should not only be well-conditioned and patient but also tolerant of unpredictable noises.

The following are important factors in deciding if a horse is suitable for therapeutic riding:

Size - In general, mounts averaging 14 to 15 hands in height are the most useful for the majority of riders. However, there are also times when a horse of 16 hands or more is needed to carry tall or heavy riders. Ponies can be good for the program, both for riding and for our "petting arena".

Age - The age range of mounts may vary from five or six years up to 20 years. The most likely prospects are between eight and 16 years.

Health & Soundness - A full health and soundness examination may be requested.

Gaits and Manner of Going - A good mount for riders with disabilities is one that moves forward easily and freely, picking up its feet and responding readily to voice commands. In therapeutic terms, the horse's movement connects and transcends into the rider's body.

Attitude and Manners - For the safety of riders, the horse must be gentle and indifferent toward objects moving nearby or touching him. The horse should get along peacefully with other horses.

Breed - Nearly any breed can work for therapeutic riding, providing the horse meets all other criteria.

Trial Period - Once the preliminary selection is made, we always request a trial period, usually 30 to 60 days. Working with a horse during this period allows us the time to determine whether the horse will fit into a therapeutic riding program. The trial period also allows the horse time to understand his new surroundings and work while building a bond of trust and confidence with his riders and instructors.

Tax Deductions - The MAGICAL Meadows, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so your horse donation is tax deductible. We suggest that you place a value on the horse by finding ads for similar horses in magazines such as The Horse Trader to use as proof for the IRS.

If you feel your horse could qualify for our program, please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet and ride the horse. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call...

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It is only through the generosity of people like you that we can help our riders gain self-confidence, increase muscle tone and experience the thrill of riding a horse.



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