**Health & Behavior Guide for Pre-Admission & Pre-Adoption**

*Harmony Equine Center’s guide for evaluating*

*equine admission and adoption candidates*

**Pre-Admission Health Evaluation**

 **These conditions cannot be accepted:**

\_\_ Lameness (hoof, joints or tendons)s

\_\_ Severely overgrown hooves

\_\_ Severe laminitis

\_\_ White line disease

\_\_ Severe quarter cracks

\_\_ Neurological issues

\_\_ Eye problems of any kind

\_\_ Heart conditions

\_\_ Upper respiratory tract problems

\_\_ Lower respiratory tract problems

\_\_ Abdomen/gastrointestinal tract problems

\_\_ Genitourinary problems

\_\_ Degenerative joint disease (ringbone or fractures)

\_\_ Physically disabled

\_\_ Cribbing or windsucking

**These conditions can be accepted:**

\_\_ Abnormal teeth wear (within reason)

\_\_ Sharp edges on teeth

\_\_ Warts and plaques on ears

\_\_ Insect irritation on/in ears

\_\_ Dirty sheath

\_\_ Bacterial infection to the sheath

\_\_ Nutritional dermatopathies (dull hair coats)

\_\_ Rain rot

\_\_ Girth gall (saddle sores)

\_\_ Thrush

\_\_ Clubfoot

**Pre-Admission Behavior Evaluation**

Horses who show one or more of the following behaviors may be considered for admission into the facility. This will be determined by facility resources and ability to manage certain behavior issues.

\_\_ Kicks

\_\_ Bites

\_\_ Hard to catch/handle

 \_\_ Runs over handler

\_\_ Fearful

\_\_ Strikes

\_\_ Rears

\_\_ Threatening/aggressive

\_\_ Fights with other horses

\_\_ Chronic health problems (lameness, contagious diseases)

\_\_ Dangerous (aggressive to humans by intentionally/maliciously biting, kicking, striking)

\_\_ Older, unhandled stallions or cryptorchid of any age

\_\_ No respect for human space

#  Horses must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission:

\_\_ Halter broke

\_\_ Deemed healthy by staff or a local veterinarian

\_\_ Riding horse or riding candidate

\_\_ No conformation defects

\_\_ Body condition score between 3 and 7

\_\_ No clinical signs of disease

 **Horses should meet the following criteria to be considered for adoption:**

 \_\_ Stands tied

 \_\_ Stands tied close to other horses

 \_\_ Can be approached in turnout

 \_\_ Calm when haltered

 \_\_ Moves hindquarters away from pressure on hind

 \_\_ Stands calmly while body is brushed

 \_\_ Picks up all four feet and stands calmly while foot is held

 \_\_ Stands calmly for blanket/fly sheet

 \_\_ Stands calmly for fly spray

 \_\_ Stands calmly while legs hosed with water

 \_\_ Stands calmly for rectal temperature

 \_\_ Stands calmly for oral administration of fluid from syringe or tube

 \_\_ Leads, turns, stops and backs

 \_\_ Can be led through a gate

 \_\_ Calmly trailer loads and unloads