



PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- Participants must be 21 or older (Youth ages 14 years and up can participate with a parent or guardian who is also participating in the academy)
- Must sign an agreement to complete the academy and learn the course work
- Must volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per month (or at least 16 hours total between September 2019 and the end of April 2020)
- Must maintain notes in the workbook provided to be reviewed at the end of the academy
- Must be open to the concept of adoption, rescue and the humane treatment of animals
- Submit your application by 11:59p.m. August 24.

PARTICIPATION INCENTIVES

- Gain basic horse knowledge from experts in the field
- Develop relationships and connections with local equine professionals
- Be matched with a mentor who can guide you through the first year of horse ownership
- Get a fun “starter pack” to launch into horse ownership
- Get an Adoption Academy T-Shirt
- Get access to online video recordings of the classes to review later
- Earn free riding lessons to build your skills in the saddle (if you don't want to ride we can substitute groundwork/training lessons)
- Receive a 50% discount on the adoption fee of an adoptable equine once you are approved to adopt at the successful completion of the program.

WHO SHOULD SIGN UP?

- Someone who is new to horses and wants to build the skills needed to own one now or in the future.
- Someone who has owned horses in the past but needs to brush up on their skills and rebuild connections in the equine community.
- Someone who has been taking casual riding lessons and is ready to make the leap into horse ownership.
- Parents who are getting ready to adopt an equine for their children.
- Someone who purchased a horse and feels they are in over their head and want to learn more to be better.