

Riding Experience Checklist

As part of our adoption application process for all riding horses, please complete this form and check each statement that applies to you. This will help our Ranch Managers and Trainer to match you as a potential adopter(s) with a horse(s) that may best suit your riding abilities.

Name of Potential Adopter _____ Date _____

BEGINNER:

- ☐ I have never ridden a horse before.
- ☐ I have recently begun riding.
- ☐ I have not had many riding lessons or it has been a long time. It has been approximately ____ years or ____ months since I had riding lessons.
- ☐ I have recently begun taking riding lessons. I have been taking ____ lessons/week for ____ months.
- ☐ I rode as a child and it has been ____ years since I have ridden.
- ☐ I have only ridden well-broke lesson and/or trail horses.
- ☐ I may need assistance to properly tack up a horse.
- ☐ I can walk/trot but I am not yet comfortable in faster gates.
- ☐ I need education on proper horse care and maintenance.

ADVANCED BEGINNER:

- ☐ I can walk/trot/canter on a well-schooled horse.
- ☐ I can properly tack up a horse.
- ☐ I can safely exercise a horse on my own.
- ☐ I am familiar with neck reining but have little to no experience with two-hand direct reining.
- ☐ I take regular riding lessons and/or I'm still working to increase my knowledge/ability.
- ☐ I currently ride on a regular basis ____ days per week or ____ days per month.

INTERMEDIATE:

- ☐ In addition to all of the above, I can walk/trot/canter with confidence and balance.
- ☐ I have some groundwork skills and I can properly lunge, roundpen and exercise a horse.
- ☐ I am comfortable with loading and trailering a horse.
- ☐ I have ridden a variety of horses.
- ☐ I have a solid understanding of horse care and maintenance.

- ☐ I am familiar with equine biomechanics and can help a horse maintain speed/cadence/direction and posture using appropriate application of leg, seat and rein aids.
- ☐ I can correctly execute lateral work and yielding of the horse's hindquarters and forequarters.
- ☐ I have the confidence and skill to handle an occasional spook or buck.
- ☐ I currently own or have owned a horse(s) for ____years.

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE:

- ☐ In addition to all of the above, I have the training ability to help a horse gain confidence on the ground and in the saddle.
- ☐ I have experience and knowledge in training horses in my chosen riding discipline.
- ☐ I am comfortable dealing with a horse that will require much more training or one that can be somewhat difficult.

ADVANCED:

- ☐ In addition to all of the above, I have participated in mid to high level events such as shows, jumping, dressage, barrel racing etc., and could teach others.
- ☐ I have given or currently give riding lessons.
- ☐ I have or have held a professional certification for riding instruction and/or training.
- ☐ I am a professional horse trainer or have been a professional horse trainer for ____years.
- ☐ I have full confidence when working/riding/training a wide variety of horses.

Other pertinent experience or limitations:
