



The Ontario Adoption Society, Box 297, 36 Main Street, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0
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Dear Horse Enthusiast,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding adopting a Standardbred. If you are unfamiliar with this breed, you will be pleased to discover the Standardbred *has a well-deserved reputation for being a sturdy, calm, versatile horse. They are quick and willing to learn, with wonderful stable manners and patience. Nearly every Standardbred has a natural trot, knows how to steer and stop, and has been driven in harness.* They are also accustomed to being *handled extensively, fussed with, and shipped often.* They also *stand on cross-ties, and are used to being bathed and clipped.* Most, if not all, Standardbreds can be ridden a short distance, the first time they are under saddle. Standardbreds are easily trainable to any discipline. If you plan to do more than leisurely trail rides, be prepared to do some work to get the trot and canter collected. Your persistence will be rewarded, as the breed is cooperative and quick to learn. If you are a novice rider, we suggest working with a trainer who is familiar with this gentle breed.

Most horses retire due to lack of speed, some may have sustained an injury and are no longer able to stand the demand for speed that racing requires. This does not affect their usefulness as pleasure horses. We determine their level of physical comfort and usefulness by compiling information from the racing trainer and veterinarian so a mutually compatible match can be made for you and the horse. All of our horses are boarded until adopted. Transportation of your newly adopted horse to your facility is your responsibility. We also have horses that are only comfortable at pasture and suitable as companions.

Please read, complete and return the attached application. Be sure to fill out every question on the application, including a description of your ideal horse. As soon as we receive your application we will begin screening your references. OSAS makes application decisions based on the applicant's horse knowledge, honesty, safety of facility, financial stability, and ability to provide a lifetime home to an adopted horse.

When the screening is completed, we will begin profiling potential horses to you. After that, all you need to do is choose which horse is best for you! Our adoption fee is \$500 and \$350 for a companion horse.

Horses adopted from the OSAS program may never be bred, raced, sold, leased, given away, or commercially used. The *mission and goal* of the OSAS program is to find these horses good, loving, lifetime homes. In our 14 years of existence we have made had more than 500 successful adoptions.

Thank you again for your interest in adopting a Standardbred.

Sincerely,

The Ontario Standardbred Adoption Society

ADOPTION APPLICATION

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I am interested in: **Adoption** **Foster Care** **Both**
Please check all that apply

Applicant's Name: _____

Age (must be 18 years old): _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address (If Rural Route, include actual street name and address): _____

How long have you lived there? _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Where is the best place to reach you between the hours of 9-5?

- Home Cell Work Email

How did you learn about OSAS? Friend Website Other

HORSE PREFERENCES

Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Gelding <input type="checkbox"/> Mare
Body Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Fine-boned <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large-boned
Color:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Bay (<i>more readily available</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Other : _____
Age:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Young (2-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Teenager (13-19) <input type="checkbox"/> Seasoned
Size:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Preference <input type="checkbox"/> 14-15 hands <input type="checkbox"/> 15-16 hands <input type="checkbox"/> 16+ hands
Use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Companion (<u>no</u> riding/driving) <input type="checkbox"/> Riding/Driving
	Explain how you want to use your horse:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of rider: _____

Height & weight of rider: _____

Please describe your riding experience: _____

How would you rate yourself in regards to horse care and riding?

- Beginner Intermediate Advanced

How would you rate the main rider of horse, if not applicant?

- Beginner Intermediate Advanced

On average how many days per week will this horse be ridden or driven? _____

Period of time each session at: Walk _____ Trot _____ Canter _____

How long have you been searching for a new horse? _____

Have you ever owned a horse or a pony before? Yes No

Please explain if any previously owned horses were sold, died or given away or other circumstances as to why you no longer have them:

Please list the horses you now own:

Stabling Information

This horse will be stabled at : Boarding facility Home My property

Name of facility: _____

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Name of Contact Person _____

Name of Barn Vet _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Name of Barn Farrier: _____ Phone # (_____) _____

- Describe the shelter for your horse:

Barn size: _____

Box Stall Size: _____ x _____

Run In Shed: _____ x _____

- Type of flooring in shelter:

- What type of fencing encloses the turnout area for your horse?

- Please indicate the size of the turnout area to be used:

- How many horses are stabled at the facility?

- How long will your horse be turned out each day?

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- What type of hay is used & in what amounts per day?

 - What is the grain stored in & where is it stored?

 - What arrangements have been made to provide clean water for the horse 24 hours per day?

 - How often do you worm?

 - What products do you use?

 - How often will/do you have your horses teeth floated?

 - How often will/do you trim/shoe?

 - How often will/do you have your horse inoculated?

 - Does your veterinarian administer your vaccines?

Applicant References

(Please do not include family members)

NAME OF YOUR PRESENT HORSE VET (if applicable): _____

Phone # _____

Address (If Rural Route, include actual street name and address): _____

How long have you lived here? _____

NAME OF YOUR PRESENT SMALL ANIMAL VET:

Phone #: (____) _____ # of years vet used: _____

NAME OF YOUR FARRIER (if applicable):

Phone # (____): _____ Length of time used: _____

NAME OF TRAINER: _____ Phone #: _____

Years with trainer: _____

PERSONAL REFERENCE

Name: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ # of years known: _____

Relationship: _____

NEIGHBOUR (who can be contacted when you are away)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

Enclosing pictures with your application will expedite the application process. You may email or mail photos. Close-up pictures of the following are necessary.

- ✓ Barn and/or run-in shed (inside & out)
- ✓ Hay, grain, and grain containers
- ✓ Inside of stall/shelter (including flooring)
- ✓ Turnout(s) including fencing/water
- ✓ Other horses at facility (if applicable)
- ✓ Any other animals currently in your care or at stabling site

We won't be able to process your application until all of the questions are completed. If you are unsure how to answer a question, or would like to speak to someone, please do not hesitate to call us at 905-854-6099.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Print Name of Applicant: _____

Acknowledgement of Liability

I, the undersigned hereby release the Ontario Standardbred Adoption Society, its employees, volunteers, agents and horse owners from any and all liability of any nature and kind whatsoever for any and all damages, loss, or injury to both person or property, whether such is caused directly or indirectly, by a horse(s) in the care and control of the Ontario Standardbred Adoption Society, or a placement recipient, or any other person or persons who may have temporary custody or control of such horse(s).

This release shall be fully effective even in the event of negligence or gross negligence of the O.S.A.S., its agents, employees or volunteers, being the causative factor, directly or indirectly or such loss or damage.

Dated at: _____, ON
Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: 201__.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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