



Four Corners Equine Rescue

Dedicated to the rescue of horses from perilous situations

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 Staff and Trainer to match you as a potential adopter with a horse 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 _____ years or _____ months since I had lessons or have ridden.
- I have recently begun taking riding lessons. I have been taking _____ less/week for _____ months.
- I rode as a child and it has been _____ years since I have ridden.
- I have only ridden well-trained lesson or riding horses.
- I may need assistance to properly tack up my horse.
- I can walk/trot but am not yet comfortable at faster gaits.
- I do not know how to properly exercise a horse on my own.
- I need education on proper horse care and maintenance.

Advanced Beginner:

- I can walk/trot/canter on a well-trained horse.
- I can properly tack up a horse.
- I can safely exercise a horse on my own.
- I take regular riding lessons and/or I am 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, round pen, 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 currently own or have owned horses 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 events such as shows, jumping, dressage, barrel racing etc., and could teach others.
- _____ I have given or currently give riding lessons.
- _____ I have fluid movements and an independent seat and hands when riding.
- _____ 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.

In addition to the above responses please allot enough time when you visit so you can demonstrate the following skills – saddling, picking feet, catching and haltering, riding.