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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

# APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION OF WILD HORSE(S) OR BURRO(S)

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0042
Expires: March 31, 2014

| Applicant's Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial |
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| Street Address or P.O. Box *(P.O. Box Address requires physical facility address on page 2)* | City | State | Zip Code |
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| Driver's License Number | State | Birth Date | Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number |
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| Home Phone *(Include area code)* | Alternate Phone *(Include area code)* | E-Mail Address |
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Number of animals requested:

Burros _____ Horses (Younger than 18 mos.) _____ Horses (Older than 18 mos.) _____ Trained Animals _____

**Question 1. Describe your existing facility and transportation:**

**a) Corral**

Dimension: Length _____ Width _____ Height of Corral _____

Gate Height _____ Gate Width _____

Materials used in Corral _____ Materials used in Gate _____

**b) Shelter**

Maximum Height _____ Minimum Height _____ Gate Height _____ Gate Width _____

Materials used in Shelter _____

Attached to Corral? ☐ Yes ☐ No; If not attached, how is it accessible? _____

**c) Feed**

Type of Hay or Pasture _____ Amount per Day _____

Supplemental Feed _____

**d) Water**

Tank Capacity (gallons) _____ ☐ Automatic Water Source of Water: ☐ Well ☐ City

☐ Other: Describe _____

**e) Trailer:**

Brand Name/Manufacture Year (*if known*) _____ Capacity (No. of animals) _____

Type: ☐ Stock ☐ Horse ☐ Other--describe _____

Number of rear doors: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 Ramp:** ☐ Yes ☐ No Rear Doors: ☐ Full Height ☐ Half Height

Home-made--describe _____

* Some ages and species of animal are not normally loaded and/or hauled together and may require divisions within the trailer.
** Animals are not normally loaded into a trailer with a ramp.

**Question 2. Have you previously adopted animals through the Wild Horse and Burro Program?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your answer is yes, are these animals titled? ☐ Yes ☐ No
How many untitled animals do you have? _____

**Question 3. Will more than four untitled animals be kept at the location described?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Question 4. Have you ever adopted under another last name?** ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what other name did you use? _____

**Question 5. Have you ever been convicted of abuse or inhumane treatment of animals, violation of the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act or the Wild Horse and Burro Regulations?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Applicant's Name

## MAP OF LOCATION OF ADOPTED WILD HORSES AND/OR BURROS

Facility Address

| City | State | Zip Code |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

| Property Owner(s) Name | Phone Number |
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| Draw a map to the location where animal(s) will be kept (from the nearest major highway). | Draw a layout of corral(s) and shelter(s). |
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| **N** | **N** |

Directions to the Facility

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Carefully read the **PROHIBITED ACTS** and **TERMS OF ADOPTION** printed below.
2. Carefully read information provided in the pamphlet "*Adopting a Wild Horse or Burro.*"
3. Submit your completed Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s) or Burro(s) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office serving your State. (For the correct address, refer to the pamphlet "*Adopting a Wild Horse or Burro*" or take it to an adoption event.)
4. So that we may notify you when and where the animal(s) you requested are available, provide the Bureau of Land Management office serving your State within 10 days of any change in your address or telephone number.

### PROHIBITED ACTS

(a) Maliciously or negligently injuring or harassing a wild horse or burro;
(b) Treating a wild horse or burro inhumanely;
(c) Removing or attempting to remove a wild horse or burro from the public lands without authorization from the BLM;
(d) Destroying a wild horse or burro without authorization from the BLM, except as an act of mercy;
(e) Selling or attempting to sell a wild horse or burro or its remains;
(f) Branding a wild horse or burro;
(g) Removing or altering a freeze mark on a wild horse or burro;
(h) Violating an order, term, or condition established by the BLM under this part;
(i) Commercially exploiting a wild horse or burro;

Any person who commits a prohibited act is subject to a fine of not more than $2,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each violation.

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Applicant's Name

## TERMS OF ADOPTION

The following terms apply to all wild horses and burros adopted under this Private Maintenance and Care Agreement:

(a) Adopters are financially responsible for providing proper care;

(b) Adopters are responsible, as provided by State law, for any personal injury, property damage, or death caused by animals in their care, for pursuing animals that escape or stray, and for costs of recapture;

(c) Adopters must not transfer animals for more than 30 days to another location or to the care of another individual without the prior approval of the BLM;

(d) Adopters must make animals available for physical inspection within 7 days of receipt of a written request by the BLM;

(e) Adopters must notify the BLM within 7 days of discovery of an animal's death, theft or escape;(f) Adopters must notify the BLM within 30 days of any change in the adopter's address;

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(g) Adopters must dispose of remains in accordance with applicable sanitation laws; and

(h) Title will remain with the Federal Government for at least 1 year after the Private Maintenance and Care Agreement is executed and until a Certificate of Title is issued by the BLM.

(i) Adopters are entitled to a replacement, if, within 6 months of the adoption date, the animal dies or is required to be destroyed due to a condition that existed at the time of adoption and if the adopter provides a veterinarian statement that certifies that reasonable care would not have corrected the condition. All replacements will be handled as a refund (completed within 2 weeks of notification) or a voucher for a replacement animal. A voucher is non-refundable; has a shelf-life of six months; can be applied to more than one animal; is non-transferable; has to be redeemed at the same type of event as the original adoption; and does not give the adopter any kind of preferential treatment. Additionally, the amount of the voucher has to be redeemed all at one time; non-used funds are forfeited; and bids above the voucher amount are due in full at the time of the adoption. This policy will only apply to replacement animals, and not repossessions or reassignments.

**Failure to comply with these terms may result in the cancellation of the agreement, repossession of the animals, and disapproval of requests for adoption of additional animals. In addition, violation of any term of a Private Maintenance and Care Agreement is a prohibited act.**

**I have read and understand the above TERMS OF THE ADOPTION and PROHIBITED ACTIONS.**

(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

**Under penalty of prosecution for violating 18 U.S.C. 1001, which makes it a federal crime to make false statements to any agency of the United States, I hereby state that I have no intent to sell this wild horse or burro for slaughter or bucking stock, or for processing into commercial products, within the meaning of the Wild and Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act, 16 U.S.C. 1331 et seq., and regulations 43 CFR 4700.0-5(c). I have read the above statement, understand the terms of this agreement and agree to comply with them.**

(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

**Approved for:** _____ No. of Burros _____ No. of Horses Younger than 18 mos. _____ No. of Trained Animals
_____ No. of Horses Older than 18 mos.

_____ Total No. of Animals Approved for Adopter's Facility

☐ **Disapproved** ***(Disapproval will be accompanied by a decision letter to the applicant with appeal rights.)***

(BLM Official's Signature) (BLM Official's Printed Name) (Office) (Date)

**This application expires one year after the date of approval by the BLM Official's Signature.**

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## NOTICES

The Privacy Act and the regulation at 43 CFR 2.48 (d) require that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this application.

**AUTHORITY:** 16 U.S.C. 1333 and 31 U.S.C. 7701.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The BLM will use this information to process your agreement for private maintenance and care of wild horses or burros. BLM will use your driver's license and social security numbers for debt collection purposes under the authority of the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. 7701.

**ROUTINE USES:** The primary uses of the information are to:

(1) Identify individuals who have applied to obtain custody of a wild horse or burro through adoption or sale;

(2) Document the rejection, suspension or granting of the request for adoption or sale;

(3) Monitor compliance with laws / regulations concerning maintenance of adopted animals;

(4) Identify contractors / employees / volunteers/ service providers required to perform program functions;

(5) Provide necessary program management information to other agencies involved in management of wild horses and burros on public lands, i.e., the U.S. Forest Service (FS) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS);

(6) Identify and assign level of system access required by BLM, FS and APHIS wild horse and burros program personnel; and

(7) Authorize the disclosure of records to individuals involved in responding to a breach of Federal data.

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Submission of the requested information is necessary to obtain or retain a benefit. Failure to submit all of the requested information or to complete this form may result in the rejection and/or denial of your application.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) requires us to inform you that:

The BLM collects this information in accordance with the statutes and regulations listed above, and for the purposes listed above.

Submission of the requested information is necessary to obtain or retain a benefit. You do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

## BURDEN HOURS STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (1004-0042), Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer, (WO-630), 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.