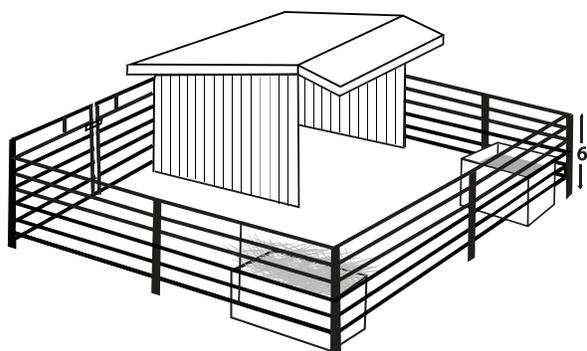


BLM's Minimum Adoption Requirements to Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro

1. Applicant must be at least 18 years old.
2. Adopted animal must remain in the United States until it is titled. (Occurs on its 1 year adoption anniversary.)
3. Applicant has no convictions of inhumane treatment of animals or for violation of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses & Burros Act.
4. Applicant must provide a facility with access to feed, water, and shelter. Facility refers to an enclosed area such as: corral, barn, stall, etc. *NOTE: Facility approval is NOT BASED ON A PASTURE FENCE HEIGHT, but the HEIGHT OF THE FACILITY.*
5. Basic facility requirements are:
 - * Minimum of 400 sq. feet of corral space per animal, i.e. 20' x 20'
 - * Suitable materials: pipe panels, wood posts, planks (min. 1.5" thick), horse fence (V Mesh or 2" x 4" square)
Barb wire and electrical materials will not be approved as part of the facility description
 - * 5' High Facility for yearling or gentled horses of any age
 - * 6' High Facility for an ungentled horse two years or older
 - * 4.5' High Facility for a burro of any age
 - * CFR 4750.3-2 Qualification standards for private maintenance
(3) (iii) Shelter shall be available to mitigate the effects of inclement weather and temperature extremes. The authorized officer may require that the shelter be a structure, which shall be well drained and adequately ventilated. Wild Horse and Burro Adopters are responsible for being in compliance with their city, county, and state regulations for horse shelter.
6. Applicant must provide a stock or horse trailer with rear swing gate and covered top. Provided the dividers are removed or are folded back, three-horse slant trailers are acceptable. No drop ramps or one-horse trailers. Two-horse trailer approved on case-by-case basis.

Constructed Shelter Example



Example of a 6' high enclosed facility with shelter

Shelter has 2 side walls and a roof.

Panels span across back of shelter

Note: In some areas of the country weather may be less severe, in which case natural outcroppings, vegetation or other structures may suffice for an adequate shelter.

