

## 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 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-schooled 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'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 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 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. Other pertinent experience or limitations:
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