



Facility/Property Requirements

Facility Requirements: The following are requirements by Mountain Valley Horse Rescue in order to foster and/or adopt a rescue horse. However, all facility requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis as needed.

- 1) **Pasture:** Adequate pasture and space per equine on the property is required. In cases where the equine will be maintained at a boarding facility, if stalled the equine must be provided daily turnout with adequate time and space. Pasture should be checked regularly for rodent holes and other unsafe conditions, and remedied or corrected.
- 2) **Shelter:** *All equines shall be provided with manmade and/or natural shelter that provides protection from extreme weather including but not limited to: prevailing wind, snow, sleet, rain, sun, and temperature extremes.* Stalls and shelters shall be constructed to provide sufficient space for free airflow and allow each equine to turn around, lie down, and move freely. Shelters may be constructed to have removable sides during the summer. All enclosures, stalls and/or shelters shall be kept in good repair and free of standing water, accumulated waste, sharp objects and debris. Obvious seasonal conditions are taken into account.
- 3) **Water:** The home shall provide troughs or individual water sources to provide adequate and clean water for all equines. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and free of hazardous contaminants and be positioned or affixed to minimize spillage. *Use of water tank/trough de-icer to prevent freezing in winter or inclement weather is required.* Equines that are being trained, worked, ridden or transported shall be provided water as often as necessary for their health and comfort. Frequency of watering shall take into consideration the age, condition and size of the equine, activity level and climatic conditions.
- 4) **Feed and Storage:** Equines shall receive high quality forage and grain as recommended. If natural forage is insufficient in quality or quantity, quality hay representative of choice grasses in the local area shall supplement the diet. *Diet shall be planned with consideration for the age, condition, size, and activity level of the equine and approved by MVHR recommended veterinarians.* If more than one animal is fed at the same place and time, it shall be the responsibility of the foster to ensure that each equine receives nutrition in sufficient quantity. *If necessary, equines shall be separated to ensure each has access to adequate nutrition without interference from more dominant individuals.* Individual feed buckets or pans should be provided for each equine. All storage and feeding receptacles shall be kept clean and free of contaminants, such as feces, mold, mildew, rodents and insects. Stored feed shall be kept in such a manner that equines cannot gain access to it.

- 5) **Fencing:** Fencing shall be of solid construction, without sharp edges and visible to equines; electric fencing is acceptable. *The use of barbed wire fencing is unacceptable in any area of five or less acres or along any side of any area separating equines from one another. Use of electric wire may preclude the barbed wire provision. All t-posts shall be appropriately capped* when used as cross fencing to separate pastures, along any fence line adjacent to another equine property or property that is less than five acres. Fencing shall be monitored on a regular basis to ensure its safety and effectiveness is maintained.

- 6) **Cattle Guards:** Cattle guards will not be permitted unless there is a gate separating the equines from the cattle guard or the equines do not have access to it.