



Equine Inspection Policies and Requirements

Property Inspection Policy:

It is the policy of Mountain Valley Horse Rescue and its foster/adoption committee to inspect the property where the organization's equines are to be kept by foster and/or adoptive homes. The organization will use volunteer inspectors to conduct these property inspections.

Equine Property Inspection Procedures:

An appropriate volunteer representative will be sent to conduct an inspection of the foster/adoptive facility, using a camera and MVHR approved inspection worksheet.

The Inspector will:

- 1) Contact the potential adoptive or foster home and set up a mutually convenient date and time to conduct the property inspection.
- 2) Initiate contact with the applicant within three days of receipt of the worksheet. If at all possible, the inspection shall be completed within two weeks of the applicant being contacted.
- 3) Notify the MVHR board of the scheduled inspection date.
- 4) Take photographs as specified on the worksheet, then review and put in the horse's file.
- 5) If the equine is to be boarded, the inspector will talk to the owner of the facility and notify them the equine will be under supervision (owned) by the organization. If the foster or adopter does not pay their bill, or in any way abandons the equine, the organization will be notified.
- 6) Answer all questions on the worksheet. The completed worksheet, notes and photos shall be put in the horse's file and reviewed by the foster/adoption committee. Concerns will be submitted to the MVHR board.

Inspector Guidelines: It is the responsibility of the inspector to assess that all animals on the property are properly cared for and that all fencing and shelters are in safe and adequate condition. The Inspector should refer to FACILITY REQUIREMENTS for foster/adoptive homes. The below requirements are what will be assessed the day of inspection.

Final Approval: Final approval of foster or adoptive homes will be at the discretion of the Property Inspector and the Foster/Adoption Committee. Any concerns about an inspection, as noted by the inspector, will be discussed by the Committee and the MVHR Board of Directors for a resolution. If the decision is contested, the Committee and the Board of Directors have the option of conducting a second property inspection by a different inspector. If an applicant fails their first inspection, they will have the opportunity to correct any deficiencies noted by the Property Inspector, and another inspection may be conducted at that time. The foster or adoptive home will be notified of their approval by the foster/adoption committee or board representative.