

EQUINE GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM

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The Equine Guardianship Program is an exclusive benefit for members of the Kentucky Humane Society's (KHS) Lifelong Friends Society, which is open to anyone who includes KHS in their estate plans. This program allows you to designate KHS as a temporary guardian for any of your equine(s) who may outlive you. KHS will provide care until a suitable and loving home can be found.

The following guidelines have been created for individuals wishing to enroll in the program.

Enrollment Process

A minimum gift of \$25,000 from your estate, trust or other asset(s) is required for each equine you wish to enroll in the program. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Deferred / Beneficiary Gifts
 - Bequest/will
 - Trusts
 - Qualified retirement plans
 - Life insurance policies
 - Donor advised funds
- Current Gifts
 - Cash or checks
 - Stocks, bonds, mutual funds
 - Real estate or personal property
 - Charitable lead trust
 - Qualified charitable distributions

Your estate planning attorney or financial planner can assist you in executing and finalizing your plan. *Please note that while KHS can be listed as a beneficiary in a trust or will, the organization cannot act as the trustee, executor, or personal representative of your estate.*

To provide the best care for all equines residing at Willow Hope Farm, KHS will accept up to five (5) equines immediately into the program if something happens to you.

**Arrangements can be made for additional animals but require advance notice and planning with KHS staff.* Each equine will be required to follow KHS admission policies.

**See Equine Questionnaire for additional details.* Under extreme circumstances, your equine(s) may be accepted to come to KHS while you are still living if you are disabled and unable to care for your animal or if you move to an assisted living facility. Since the Equine Guardianship Program may include a testamentary agreement that takes effect upon your death, in the event your equine(s) need to come into our care prior to your death, your gift will be expected at the time KHS takes possession of the equine(s).

Execution of Guardianship Program

Please include the following information on beneficiary / authorization forms:

- **Legal Name: Kentucky Humane Society - Animal Rescue League, Inc.**
- **Employer/Tax Identification Number (EIN): 61-0463938**

KHS requires an annual tax-deductible donation of \$150 to remain active in the Equine Guardianship Program. KHS is a private, local, nonprofit organization and has no affiliation with any government agency or other local, state or national animal welfare agency. Annual donations are appreciated to help maintain the future stability of this program.

Enrollment in the Equine Guardianship Program requires your careful consideration as well as KHS' consideration of the circumstances. In applying for the program, please complete our Equine Questionnaire and provide photos of each equine to be enrolled, as well as a copy of your will, trust or other legal documentation showing a minimum bequest of \$25,000 per animal has been made to the Kentucky Humane Society. Once we receive your application, we will contact you with additional follow-up questions and an enrollment form for you to complete. If your equine(s) are enrolled in the program, we will provide you with an official confirmation letter for your files along with copies of signed forms.

Enrollment Benefits:

- Enrollment provides security, dependability and peace of mind knowing your equine(s) will continue to receive loving and attentive care if something happens to you.
- Transportation can be provided by KHS within a 60-mile radius of Willow Hope Farm in Simpsonville, Kentucky, if needed. If you live outside these perimeters or in another state, it will be the responsibility of the executor or your personal representative to make arrangements with KHS for transportation and to cover any costs associated with travel.
- A member of our KHS equine team will follow up at 3- and 6-months post adoption. After the initial year, a planned giving team member will contact the adopter at least once a year to ensure the welfare of your equine(s) for the remainder of their life.
- All equine guardianship adopters will sign a conditional waiver stating if they are no longer able to care for the animal, arrangements will be made to return the adoptee back to KHS.
- You have the opportunity to write detailed care instructions that will be given to future guardians.

Best Practices:

- Please have a short-term plan in place to care for your animal(s) when you pass away. Your personal representative/trustee or a designated individual (e.g., friend, relative, neighbor) must understand their duty to provide short-term care or to oversee short-term care as well as their responsibility to contact KHS. Be sure to keep emergency contact information accessible.
- Program participants agree to provide an annual update to KHS advising of any changes and/or updates of their animals. As long as your enrollment is up to date, we will take your animal(s) as soon as arrangements can be made for transport and intake at Willow Hope Farm.

Additional Information:

KHS does not euthanize healthy or treatable animals and takes great pride in finding homes for every animal in our care. Exceptions for adoption placement include if your animal is in pain and suffering and there is no medical alternative to relieve their anguish. KHS has the right to euthanize based on guidelines in the Equine Questionnaire. KHS cannot guarantee equines will stay together but will do our best to place a bonded pair.

Your legacy gift to KHS will not only care for your animal but will further our lifesaving work.

Our Equine C.A.R.E. (connect, assist, rescue, educate) Program focuses on horses in transition, helping them find new careers. We move horses from crisis into safe homes or rescue, provide re-homing services to horse owners who can no longer keep them, match horses with adopters, and make educational resources available to our equine community. We appreciate any additional funding above and beyond your future gift. The animals we rescue have no other resources, so we are grateful for further support for our programs.

Questions please contact:

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