SERENITY FARM EQUINE SANCTUARY

EQUINE CARE PLAN

PEOPLE HEAL HORSES AND HORSES HEAL PEOPLE

***Sanctuary***

*It must be noted that SFES is a sanctuary and not a rescue. While adoption is possible, it is not a criterion for accepting horses. As a sanctuary, we focus on healing and rehabilitation and then determine if equine is appropriate to be considered for adoption. Equine who come to SFES have critical needs and may have been refused by other rescuers because of those significant needs. Those needs might be medical or behavioral or a combination of both.*

**SEIZURE**

SFES accepts equine from law enforcement seizures if the equine meets our acquisition criteria. We do not testify and instead focus on the equine and rehabilitation and training. SFES requires law enforcement seizures to be monitored by a vet assigned by the locality who must testify in court regarding the equine’s condition upon arrival and as healing occurs.

**SURRENDERS**

Most horses accepted at SFES are surrendered by the owner. Frequently, law enforcement encourages owners to surrender before animals are seized. This is the ideal situation avoiding long-term legal action. Most surrenders are from individuals who are not able to care for their equine due to significant medical or behavioral issues. Surrenders are accepted if they meet our criteria and if space is available. Former owners are welcomed at SFES and some even become volunteers.

**PERMANENT RESIDENTS**

A permanent resident is identified if the horses health, age or behavior indicates immediately that a transition would negatively impact the well-being of the equine.

**FAILED ADOPTIONS**

Equine who have been adopted from SFES and are unable to transition can return. SFES returnees can (but not necessarily) be identified as “permanent residents.”

**kill buyers**

SFES does not accept equine from Auction or Kill Buyers unless the equine has been quarantined at another location for a minimum of 3 months. This sometimes happens when individuals buy from Kill Buyers but are unable to care for the equine due to health or behavioral issues. In no case, does SFES buy equine.