



IHWT
IRISH HORSE WELFARE TRUST

**FOSTERING
APPLICATION FORM**

APPLICATION TO PROVIDE A FOSTER HOME FOR AN IHWT HORSE / PONY

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

Telephone & Mobile No. _____

E-mail _____

Please describe the facilities where the horse/pony will be kept - acreage, grazing, fencing, stabling, watering etc. _____

If the premises / land is leased state length of lease _____

Equine premises registration number and/or Herd number _____

If different from home address, state distance away _____

How many and what kind of animals are kept at this premises / land _____

What type of horse / pony are you interested in fostering _____

For what purpose do you envisage using the horse/pony _____

Please give details of your stable management experience (and riding experience if applying to loan a horse suitable for riding) _____

Veterinary Surgeon; name, address & contact number _____

Farrier; name, address & contact number _____

Name, address & contact number for two Referees who can vouch for you

(1) _____

(2) _____

Any additional Information _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Signed by Parent if under 18 years of age _____

Date _____

Return to

Irish Horse Welfare Trust, Equine Welfare Centre, Ballinamona, Woodenbridge, Arklow, Co. Wicklow

Phone 0402 30773 / 086 6047 840

Email info@ihwt.ie

INFORMATION Explanation of Fostering a Horse or Pony from IHWT

The aim of the IHWT is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home horses and ponies *to long term loan homes* for the rest of their lives. However we also require foster homes to help us continue the work that we do. We take great care that any horse or pony fostered out by us is in good health, has had its hooves and teeth attended to and is ready to go to a suitable home. We inform the loaner of any health or behavioural problems that IHWT is aware of.

The Application Procedure is as follows-

- Anyone interested in fostering a horse/pony **must read the information & complete the attached Application Form**
- If/when a suitable horse/pony becomes available the applicant will be contacted and the IHWT will conduct a Home Check to ascertain suitability of the prospective foster home.
- Please note that sufficient Grazing & Stabling/Shelter is a requirement in all cases.
- A copy file relating to the horse/pony is given by IHWT. We request that all Veterinary and Farrier records are kept up to date, incl. vaccinations.
- IHWT Policy does not allow breeding with IHWT horses or ponies
- Under new legislation anyone who is the owner/person in charge of any premises in which horses or other equines (such as donkeys, ponies etc) are kept are now required to register their premises with the Department. **Registration is through the local Department's Regional Offices. Application forms on which to register may be obtained from the Department's regional offices or from the Department's Animal Health Division, tel. 01 6072466 or from the Department's website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animalhealthwelfare/animalwelfare/registrationofpremisesanimals/registrationofhorsepremises/>**

We want our horses and ponies to live out a happy and useful life, which they deserve and are grateful to those people who are prepared to help us to do that