**Adoption Agreement**

This contract is entered into on this\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_between Epona Horse and Animal Rescue, a 501c3 nonprofit organization (hereinafter referred to as “EHAR”) and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(hereinafter referred to as “Adopter.”)

The Adopter agrees, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, to adopt and care for the horse known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(hereinafter referred to as “Said Horse.’)

EHAR agrees to transfer ownership of Said Horse to the Adopter subject to the conditions set forth in this agreement. The Adopter understands that an adoption fee in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall be made payable to Epona Horse and Animal Rescue. The Adopter agrees to pay for the cost of any prepurchase professional evaluations or veterinary exams contracted for by the Adopter. The Adopter agrees to pay the cost of transporting Said Horse to its new facility. The adoption fees are nonrefundable and must be paid in full on or before the day of delivery/pickup of Said Horse.

The Adopter will, at his or her expense, care for Said Horse in a responsible and humane manner. EHAR guidelines for care of Said Horse include, but are not limited to: adequate shelter, feed, turnout, worming, farrier, veterinary, and dental care. The Adopter promises to NEVER allow Said Horse to be sold at any auction or put at risk for slaughter, including selling to a horse dealer/reseller. In addition, Adopter agrees NOT to allow Said Horse to race. In the event Adopter fails to adhere to these guidelines and Said Horse becomes neglected or abused in the opinion of an independent

professional, this agreement is void, and Said Horse will be immediately returned to EHAR at the expense of the Adopter. Any adoption fees paid to EHAR will not be returned to the Adopter.

Adopter understands that Said Horse will have a current negative Coggins Test. All known veterinary records will be provided to Adopter, who understands that Said Horse may need updated vaccinations, worming, dental, and farrier care.

Adopter understands that many of the conditions of Said Horse are not obvious, and EHAR cannot know all the details of Said Horse’s history. The responsibility for determining if Said Horse is fit for use by Adopter belongs solely to Adopter. Adopter acknowledges that Adopter has been advised by EHAR to engage the services of a licensed veterinarian and an experienced horseperson prior to adoption to evaluate Said Horse. Adopter agrees to accept Said Horse as is and where is.

Adopter allows EHAR to publish pictures and progress reports on Said Horse in written and/or electronic form.

In the event Adopter decides to sell, assign, or transfer ownership of Said Horse, Adopter will notify EHAR in writing of this intent. Upon sale, assignment, or transfer, Adopter will provide EHAR in writing with the name, address, and phone number of new owner within 14 days of sale, assignment, or transfer of Said Horse.

Adopter agrees to hereby indemnify and hold EHAR and its officers, directors, and volunteers harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability, and expense in connection with the loss of life, personal injury, and/or damage to property arising out of use or care of Said Horse.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Adopter Print Name

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Representative of EHAR Print Name