



## Lonesome Dove Rescue - Holding Back the Storm

Middlebury, Vermont (802) 388-0239

### Adoption Information and Requirements

**Lonesome Dove Rescue (LDR)** is a 501 (3) C not-for-profit corporation. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We operate a bit differently than most other rescues. Because we are a small rescue, we have the flexibility to deal with each rescue/adoption individually. Because individual rescues are so different, so are adoptions. We may change requirements on adoptions or surrenders to provide for the best situation for the animal first, and the people involved. We do not report owners of animals provided they have cared for them to the best of their ability while finding them a new home. Instead, we try to assist owners in placing their animals. We offer encouragement, feed (when possible, as our funds are very limited), and we will assist in finding a new home for the animals.

It is our policy that we hold past owner's information in confidence. Adoption fees will vary with each individual animal.

**Animals at the rescue have already been rescued and are now safe. Adopting an animal creates a new spot for another animal in need. Adoption fees help keep the rescue running.**

***We strongly recommend a vet check done by your vet.*** Should your vet find any issue with the animal, you must agree to disclose it to us free of charge so we can disclose it to other potential adopters.

We do not transfer ownership of any animal to anyone but the contracted adopter. Animals are a huge responsibility and many gift animals are returned or neglected.

LDR shall be given first right of refusal on all animals adopted from the LDR.

LDR reserves the right to refuse the transfer to anyone for any reason.

**Pets:** We try to match pets to owners that will keep and care for them for the rest of their lives. We share our evaluation of individual animals, our impressions of the animal, and disclose any training issues we have encountered. If asked, we will share with you what past owners have said about them. We try to correct behavioral issues here, but during the transition there can be regression. Please do not expect a perfect pet without giving it the time to adjust.

**Dogs:** We require you to have a crate and an proper area for your dog. Urban adopters are required to have a fenced yard.

**Livestock/Horses:** Adoption fees start slightly higher than current market prices in order to detour slaughter buyers quality and training level effect adoption fees. You are responsible for the care and feeding of said livestock at the reception of said livestock, this includes but is not limited to feed, vet care, farrier care, and housing. We act as the agent for many owners of rescue horses (again we do not disclose former owners). LDR has the first right of refusal on any adopted horses prior to the resale of said animal. First time owners of horses are required to have a mentor to help them through the first year. Horses are transferred "as is, where is" unless otherwise noted. We will hold a horse up to a week for a vet check.

**Meat Animals:** A brand inspection is given at time of transfer.

I agree to hold the Lonesome Dove Rescue and anyone acting as their agent harmless in any and all actions regarding the adoption process.

I understand and agree to the statements above. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_



Pre-adoption Horse / Livestock Contract

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description/Identity of horse: \_\_\_\_\_.

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, grant Lonesome Dove Rescue (LDR) permission to inspect my property where said horse is to be kept. The address of this property is as follows:

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Lonesome Dove Rescue is given permission to inspect said horse and property for up to six months after the transfer of ownership.

This is intended to be a forever home for said horse. LDR is given first right of refusal in the event that I will no longer own said horse.

LDR horses are not adoptable to/for slaughter buyers.

I have read and agree to the statements above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Lonesome Dove Rescue**

Small animal adoption contract  
Middlebury, Vermont (802) 388-0239  
lonesomedoveinc@gmail.com

Lonesome Dove Rescue is adopting out a (breed) \_\_\_\_\_

Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Cat \_\_\_\_\_ Bird \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

The age of this animal is \_\_\_\_\_ weeks \_\_\_\_\_ months \_\_\_\_\_ years of age

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccinations given \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Fee \_\_\_\_\_ We believe said animal

is in good health and are giving (Adopter ) 7 days to have their vet of choice to examine said animal at buyers cost. If Vet. deems said animal unhealthy a exchange or refund will be made sellers choice. Disclosed issues are not grounds for return. Disclosed issues,

The adoption fee Includes a ROUTINE Spay or Neuter at the an animal clinic. Non routine spay neuters (I.E. heat. Pregnant or undescended testicles) are done at the adopters expense. Lonesome Dove Rescue highly recommends spaying or neutering your pets and will not refund/ reimburse for failure to spay or neuter, or using another clinic. Lonesome Dove Rescue will give the first DHLPP shot booster shots are done by adopter The DHLPP label will be included in your adoption folder. DHLPP and Rabies shots are required at the time of spay neuter Rabies shots are only State recognized when administered by a licensed Vet and are the Adopters responsibility. Lonesome Dove Rescue recommends having the Rabies shot given at 7 day check up, keep your shot record, HAMLET SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC charges \$13.00 for a rabies shot.

The Lonesome Dove Rescue: reserves the right to refuse adoptions to anyone for any reason.

The Lonesome Dove Rescue will not adopt animals to anyone but the adopter.

It is buyer's responsibility to protect said animal from illness, injury and death. Adopters is to provide adequate food and water.

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It is Adopters responsibility to keep animal away from diseases and known areas where diseases are known to be (parks, pet shops, rest areas or where wild dogs and coyotes are present.) until their full series of shots have been completed. Animal must be returned in same condition as when adopted.

Lonesome Dove Rescue has first right of refusal if said animal is to be sold or given up. Returned animals: refunds will not exceed adoption fee.

In the event of a death the body is turned over to Lonesome Dove Rescues choice of Vet with Adopters, Vet records. An examination at Adopters expensive will be done before replacement or refund is made.

I agree to hold the Lonesome Dove Rescue and or its agents harmless in all actions regarding this adoption I have read and understand statements above.

Adopters name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lonesome Dove Rescue Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_