

Donate or Lease a Horse (s):

Hooves of Hope Equestrian Center, Inc. has approximately 13 therapy horses of various breeds. These horses are either owned by Hooves of Hope or are on a free lease from their owners. Our horses come from different backgrounds and experiences. Prior to coming to Hooves of Hope, many of our horses have had careers as show horses, driving horses, pleasure horses, etc. A few have been purchased by Hooves of Hope with specific funds raised for their purchase. Each horse is screened prior to a 90-day trial period. During the trial period, staff and volunteers train and desensitize (acclimatize) the new horse (s) to our various programs. At the end of the trial period, the horse (s) are evaluated for acceptance into our programs. Hooves of Hope searches for horses that are capable of participating in all of the programs offered here.

If you are considering leasing or donating your horse (s) to Hooves of Hope, here are some guidelines to review.

Ages 7 -20 years old are considered.

Upon a horse's retirement from Hooves of Hope if the horse is on a free lease contract then the horse will be dismissed from Hooves of Hope with a written reason and picked up by the owner.

What makes a good therapy horse:

*Even temperament

*Willing disposition

*Sound body

*Even, flowing stride

Things Hooves of Hope consider when evaluating a Potential Therapy Horse:

- How does the horse accept being led?
- Does the horse tolerate side walkers?
- How does the horse cope with the riders movement and exercises?
- What is the horse's level of tolerance to noise?
- What is the horse's level of training? (voice commands, leg aids, etc.)
- Assess the horse's behavior at the mounting ramp.
- Test reactions to wheelchairs and other special adaptive equipment.
- Assess the horse's conformation, movement, and internal health.
- Evaluate ground behavior during grooming, standing in cross ties, and pasture manners.
- Test for any special talents or training, such as driving or lunging.
- For more information, please contact the Equine Manager or Executive Director at (859)792-8938 or hoovesofhope@aol.com

Our Facility:

Hooves of Hope has 8 stalls, and outdoor riding arena, an indoor riding arena, a carriage trail, areas for trail riding, pastures for turnout, 3 grooming stalls, two wash stalls, an area for farrier and veterinarian, and an area for Theraplating horses.

Hooves of Hope Mission:

The mission of Hooves of Hope is to provide children and adults with diverse needs, a solid foundation for developing life skills through Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies in a safe and caring environment.

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