

# PETITE EQUINE ASSOC., INC. MINIATURE EQUINE RESCUE POLICY



## SECTION 1 ~ DEFINITION OF A RESCUED MINIATURE EQUINE

1. A lost miniature equine; a miniature equine found with or without identification; a miniature equine in an animal shelter; an abused or neglected miniature equine; an injured miniature equine; owner unknown; and unwanted miniature equine; and equine saved at a killer auction.

## SECTION 2 ~ THE MISSION OF PEA, INC. RESCUE

1. PEA Rescue exists to assist the owners of miniature equine in the recovery of their miniature equine when lost, strayed or stolen.
2. PEA Rescue will strive to keep miniature equine out of and away from animal shelters, animal dealers, back yard breeding/mills and laboratories for animal experimentation.
3. It is the intentions of PEA to place unwanted or abandoned miniature equine in homes which will provide the utmost care and love for the animals; and where the PEA Code of Ethics is studied and conscientiously observed. The new owners of a rescued miniature equine will be required to become members of PEA for not less than one year.
4. All miniature equine stallions coming under the jurisdiction of PEA Rescue shall be gelded (unless due to an extenuating health concern). The PEA Rescue Committee and the PEA Board of Directors will review each case requiring exception, on an individual basis.
5. All mares will be prohibited from breeding and must sign a "no-breeding clause" in the adoption contract. Mares discovered to be bred after adoption, whether bred knowingly or unknowingly by the new adoptee(s) shall agree, and result in, a forfeiture of the mare and her foal back to PEA Rescue Program for failure to comply with the PEA Rescue Program policies and agreements.
6. It is the purpose of PEA Rescue to preserve or improve our miniature equine. Miniature equine with medical, physical and/or temperamental disorders are adverse, harmful and disadvantageous to the reputation and betterment of the miniature equine. Such animals will be listed for sterilization or humanely euthanized when they come into the jurisdiction of the PEA Rescue. Each case requiring euthanasia shall be considered individually by the PEA

Rescue Committee and a written report must be filed with the PEA Board of Directors for approval of euthanasia (except in cases of medical emergencies).

7. Cooperatively and collectively all decisions regarding a rescued miniature equine are the responsibility of the PEA Rescue Chair (appointed by the President) and/or Committee and the PEA Board of Directors (where applicable).
8. Costs incurred by PEA Rescue for unwanted miniature equine relinquished by their owners for placement shall be the responsibility of the owner. A cost assessment will be established and collected at the time the owner turns over the animal to rescue. The average "owner turn-in fee" will be \$300 to help defray the cost of sterilization or other medical costs, advertising, housing, feeding, care and screening new potential adoptee(s). This fee may vary and is at the discretion of PEA Rescue. Each case will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
9. On an individual basis the PEA Rescue may financially or physically assist owners in voluntary euthanasia of their aged, sick or injured miniature equine.
10. In any circumstances not covered by this policy, the welfare, preservation and improvement of the miniature equine shall be the prime consideration.

### SECTION 3 ~ BREEDER RESPONSIBILITY

1. Breeding miniature equine is a lifetime responsibility. In cases where the breeding of a miniature equine is known, the breeder of the mare and/or the owner of the sire shall be contacted for assistance in the re-placement of a miniature equine of their breeding.

### SECTION 4 ~ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEA RESCUE POLICY

1. PEA Rescue Chairperson ~ The PEA Rescue Chairperson is appointed by the PEA President and sanctioned by the PEA Board of Directors.
2. The Rescue Chair shall organize and administrate the PEA Rescue program in agreement with the policies and guidelines set forth. Further, the Rescue Chair will administrate in accordance with the PEA Code of Ethics.
3. The PEA Rescue Chair shall submit a complete written report (Rescue Form 12A ~ Equine Expenses Form) including expenses to the PEA Board of Directors at each board meeting. The Rescue Chair shall submit a semi-annual report at each of the PEA annual meetings.
4. The PEA Rescue Chair shall hold Rescue Committee meetings as needed.
5. The PEA Rescue Chair will maintain a permanent file for PEA Rescues to include an individual miniature equine file.
6. The PEA Rescue Chair shall place adoption advertisement for all miniature equine in Rescue in the PEA newsletter bulletin and on the club web site.
7. PEA RESCUE REPRESENTATIVES ~ The PEA Rescue Chair is responsible for the recruitment of the Rescue Representatives. Representatives should be appointed so that all major population centers are represented. The Rescue Chair will provide a list with the names, addresses and phone numbers of all the PEA Rescue Representatives to the Board of Directors and to the newsletter editor for publication.
8. All PEA Rescue Representatives must complete and sign the PEA Rescue Form 14S (Equine Temporary Caretaker's Signed Release Form) at the time of their appointment. The Rescue Chair will inform all PEA Rescue Representatives of their duties when they are appointed.

9. PEA Rescue Committee ~ The Rescue Committee is appointed by the PEA Rescue Chair and sanctioned by the PEA Board of Directors and will consist of four (4) PEA members in good standing and the PEA Rescue Chairperson (who is appointed by the President). There is no term of office for appointed positions. The term is at the discretion of the PEA Rescue Chair and/or the President. A minimum of two (2) PEA Rescue Committee members will be required for making decisions pertaining to PEA Rescue.

#### SECTION 5 ~ ADMINISTRATION

1. **LOST MINIATURE EQUINE** ~ The owner who has lost a miniature equine should contact a Rescue Representative who will recommend ways to look for and advertise for a missing miniature equine. The Rescue Representative shall advise the Rescue Chair and the Rescue Chair will disperse information about the lost miniature equine.
2. **FOUND MINIATURE EQUINE** ~ A person who finds a miniature equine shall contact a Rescue Representative who will try to identify the miniature equine through identification, tattoo, microchip, etc.
3. **ACQUIRED MINIATURE EQUINE** ~ If a miniature equine is rescued from a livestock auction where it is determined that the animal's welfare is in grave danger, the PEA Rescue has the option of bidding on and winning the bid to purchase a miniature equine for the purpose of its rescue. The \$400.00 PEA fund is the limit and may only be exceeded where it is known that an animal will be in peril. Miniature equine may be retrieved from other agencies such as agencies for the purpose of using miniature equine for laboratory experiments. Such miniature equine may be retrieved in the same ways as a miniature equine at a killer sale. Other legal options may be available and may be utilities in the acquisition of such a miniature equine.
4. All miniature equine may be examined by a veterinarian to determine that the miniature equine is free of communicable diseases, and receives all of its annual vaccines. A Sick or painfully injured miniature equine will be transiently boarded with a veterinarian pending decision by the Rescue Committee.
5. In every case the found miniature equine, where the owner is not identifiable, and advertisement will be placed in the "found" column of the daily newspaper nearest to the vicinity of where the miniature equine was found.
6. If a miniature equine is found in an animal shelter (when presumed advisable) the Rescue Representative will retrieve the miniature equine pending placement. If the animal shelter rules prohibit the retrieval of the miniature equine, the Rescue Representative will personally maintain contact with the animal shelter until the mandatory impounding period has expired. If it is sold or adopted out by the animal shelter the Rescue Representative shall make every effort to contact the person who retrieved the miniature equine and offer information about miniature equine and the PEA Club.
7. Upon discovery of a miniature equine in the care of his/her owner who is being severely neglected or abused, poor physical condition, presents a danger to itself, other miniature equine or to the public, a member shall contact a Rescue Representative. The PEA Rescue Committee will search for all possibilities of obtaining the miniature equine for care in the PEA Rescue.
8. Mares due to foal ~ Should a pregnant mare be rescued, she will be foaled out. If the foal is a stud colt he must either be gelded before placement or placed with an agreement to geld at

a suitable age determined by the PEA Chair. If the foal is a filly, at time of placement a “non-breeding” clause must be included into the adoption contract.

#### SECTION 6 ~ EUTHANASIA

1. Miniature equine in the care of PEA Rescue shall only be euthanized with approval of the PEA President and/or the PEA Board of Directors.
2. Where euthanasia is in the best interest of the miniature equine and upon the recommendation of a veterinarian, exception will be made in an emergency where the miniature equine is in critical condition and is suffering. In such cases of exception the authorization for euthanasia of a miniature equine will be made by the PEA Rescue Chair or any member of the PEA Board of Directors.
3. A written report of all miniature equine euthanized, including veterinary findings will be submitted to the PEA Board of Directors for each board meeting. The PEA Rescue Chair will maintain copies of such reports in a permanent file.

#### SECTION 7 ~ EXPENSES

1. The PEA Rescue Chair shall have a \$300.00 fund to work with. These monies are distributed to the PEA Rescue from the general fund of PEA, Inc. Club. Upon presentation of receipts to the Treasurer of PEA funds will again be distributed to bring the balance back to \$300.00.
2. Members are encouraged to donate their time and food for the miniature equine that they are temporarily fostering. Except for emergencies and the preliminary veterinary examination (including vaccines), veterinary care must have approval of PEA Rescue Chair.
3. PEA Rescue’s net liability for the care of an individual miniature equine shall be no more than \$400.00. Funds will be accepted for the further care of a particular miniature equine. Members may house and care for a miniature equine at their expense if they choose to do so.
4. Expenses incurred by a PEA member for which they wish to be reimbursed shall be submitted on the PEA Rescue Form 12A (Equine Expenses Form). For accounting purposes the PEA Rescue Form 12A (Equine Expenses Form) shall be submitted even in the instances where the member is donating the expenses.
5. PEA Rescue will ask new owners of rescued miniature equine at the time of placement for a \$450.00 donation to go towards the cost of veterinary costs and other related costs of the next rescued miniature equine. Adoption fees may vary depending on a case-by-case basis.