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REQUIREMENTS FOR LOANING A HORSE OR PONY

Please read thoroughly and ensure that you understand the following requirements prior to completing an application to loan through us. If you are successful in a loan application, please retain these requirements for future reference.

To have an equine on loan from Sussex Horse Rescue Trust, we expect you to:-

- Provide adequate shelter with clean bedding to protect from rain, wind, sun, and flies
- Ensure a constant supply of fresh, clean water from a safe container (not a pond or river)
- Visit our equine at least twice daily and check for injuries, lameness, etc
- Turn out daily, without a headcollar on
- Ensure that our equine has companionship of their own kind
- Rug only when really necessary, i.e. we generally feel that native ponies and cobs should not be rugged unless old, unwell, or clipped
- Make sure that there are no poisonous plants in the field or boundaries, i.e. ragwort, hemlock, acorns, sycamores, etc
- Regularly check all fencing and buildings for damage, and repair any damage promptly
- Have regular visits from a qualified farrier, and follow a recognised worming program
- Have visits from a qualified equine dentist at least once per year
- Take appropriate action to ensure that the equine does not become overweight and develop laminitis
- Leave the equine its natural protection of mane, tail, and feathers
- Take out insurance to cover public liability (compulsory), and vet fees (recommended)
- Ensure that our equine receives prompt veterinary attention when needed
- Ensure that no-one rides an equine who is loaned as a companion and that only the person/s specified ride the equine if it is a riding animal, and to be certain that the weight limit specified on the application form is not exceeded, bearing in mind the 20% rule (combined weight of rider and tack should not exceed 20% of the animal's bodyweight)
- We do not loan equines for driving, therefore you must ensure that our equine is not driven, nor overworked on roads or other hard surfaces
- Consider the requirements of our equine as an individual, and ensure that care and management are appropriate, i.e. we will not loan a Shetland as a companion for a Shire horse, or a donkey as a companion for a horse, or a yearling as a companion for a senior
- Ensure that you offer our equine the same level of commitment as you would do if it was your own. Many of our equines have suffered physical and emotional trauma and we have undertaken often long and fraught journeys to their rehabilitation. They require stable, committed, caring, long term homes. We do not loan equines for short term companionship

If you do all of these things, then we believe that you really do care for our animal