

# Opening Gaits Therapeutic Riding Society



Being a therapeutic riding horse is a difficult job; not every horse is cut out for our program. A typical therapy horse gives two lessons a day and will most likely be used 3 or 4 days a week. A therapy horse must be very quiet and patient with the riders. Because our riders are so vulnerable, we must be very selective in choosing our horses. The first step in having your horse evaluated is to fill out the attached information sheet and email it back to us at [openinggaitsociety@gmail.com](mailto:openinggaitsociety@gmail.com). After the information is reviewed by our equine team you will be contacted and if your horse looks like a good fit for our program we will schedule an on-site evaluation. If, after the initial evaluation, your horse looks like it would make a good therapy horse arrangements will be made to transport him/her to Bar None Ranches, Foothills MD, AB for a 30 day trial period.

**Horse Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best time to call** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the horse on your property?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not where is the horse located?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions to your horse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex** \_\_\_\_\_ **Colour** \_\_\_\_\_

**Height** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weight** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years Owned** \_\_\_\_\_ **Registered** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons for lease** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Is your horse current on vaccines, hoof care, teeth and worming?**

**Vaccines:**

(MM/YY)	
Tetanus	
WEE/EEE	
West Nile	
Other	
Worming	Brand used:

**Teeth:**

Float  
Dental Issues


**Hooves:**

Trimmed  
Shoed  
Front  
Hind  
Corrective


**Do any of the following apply to your horse?**

Cribbing:

Vision Impairment:

Hearing Impairment:

Ring Bone/Sidebone:

Navicular:

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	(MM/YY)
Arthritis	
Gait Impairment	
Neurological Disorders	
Lameness or Past Injury:	
Surgery in the past:	
Kicks:	
Horse has foundered:	
Bites:	
Head shy:	
Swayback:	
Hock Injections:	
Cinchy:	
Afraid of water:	
Afraid of moving vehicles:	
Stress Colic:	
Herd Bound:	

Have you owned this horse for more than one year? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your horse had formal training? If yes, what type? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of riding has your horse done? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of bit and saddle do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your horse been in an indoor arena before? \_\_\_\_\_

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Can your horse be led from the                      Right? \_\_\_\_\_ Left? \_\_\_\_\_

When was your horse last ridden and how often? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever ridden your horse in a bareback pad and/or a halter? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how did it respond? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you judge your horse's ability to tolerate any of the following:  
loud noises, moving objects, and/or quick movements? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How might your horse respond to an unbalanced rider? \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your horse ever been around children? If yes how did it respond? \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your horse ever been around large groups of people and horses, such as at a horseshow?

How did it react to the activity? \_\_\_\_\_

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Can your horse be touched anywhere on its body?	Yes	No
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Does your horse turn left, right, stop and move forward easily?	Yes	No
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Does your horse walk and trot in both directions easily?	Yes	No
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Does your horse have good ground manners?	Yes	No
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Is your horse claustrophobic (trailer, wash rack)?	Yes	No
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Does your horse tie, clip, and load easily	Yes	No
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Does your horse pick up it's feet easily?	Yes	No
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When your horse is startled or spooked, how does it act? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any unusual behaviors (good or bad) that we should know about your horse?

### Current Feeding Plan (please specify type/brand and amount)

<b>Morning</b>		<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Hay		Hay	Hay:
Grain:		Grain:	Grain:
Supplements:		Supplements:	Supplements:
Other		Other	Other:

### For Opening Gaits Use Only

Returned contact:	
Scheduled evaluation:	
Horse taken in on Trial Period:	
Horse Accepted into program:	
Release Date:	
Reason for Release:	