SITE ASSESSMENT FORM

Name of horse: _____

Buyer's name: _____

Address of property where horse will live: _____

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Buyer's current address (if different from above): _____

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Buyer's phone number: _____

Buyer's email: _____

Overall Safety

1. Is the fencing in good repair? If the fencing is wire of any kind, is it suitably tight? If possible, walk the fence line to look at its condition. Is there barbed wire fencing on the property? (It is recommended that horse to have zero contact with barbed wire.)

2. What type of posts are used? Wooden? Steel? If metal T-Posts are used, do they have caps to prevent the horse injuring itself on sharp top edges?

3. Check that fields/paddocks are free of debris on which horses can injure themselves.

4. What type of shelter is available? Examine the shelter to make sure there are no leaks, no protruding nails, or anything on which the horse might injure itself Are there any planned changes / improvements to the shelter?

5. What are the dimensions and type of ground surface of the paddock(s) that the horse will use? If your horse is sensitive to stones, is the paddock ground surface one on which the horse will be comfortable?

6. What is the approximate acreage of the field that the horse will use?

7. Check that there is no sign of noxious weeds (tansy ragwort, nightshade, milkweed, field horsetail, etc.) growing in the areas used by the horses.

Cleanliness

1. Ask how frequently are stalls, shelters, paddocks, and fields cleaned (daily, weekly, etc.).

2. Ask how frequently are buckets and water troughs dumped and cleaned.

3. Are hay and grain are stored in an area where the horses cannot get access to it and where it is kept clean and dry?

4. How does the buyer ensure that hay and grain is of good quality and free of mold, rodents, and insects?

5. How many other horses (if any) will be cared for on the property? Are the facilities adequate to accommodate the number of horses on the property?

6. If there are intact stallions on the property, are they kept separate from mares?