



Introduction – Alumni Site Visit

Thank you for volunteering to do a site visit for an adopted SAFE horse!

Here are some things to keep in mind during your visit:

- All site visits should be scheduled. Use the contact info provided to you by your coordinator.
- Daytime visits are best so that you can see things like fencing and/or any debris in pastures.
- It is a good idea to let someone in your life know where you will be going and when you plan to return.
- The context of your visit is a happy one! Be positive. Be a bridge to SAFE and help the alumni owner to feel like we are there to help and make a positive report.
- Keep in mind that the adopter has been through a screening process and has had site visits before. The site check is to confirm and celebrate what we already believe to be true: that this is a safe and healthy environment for horses. Your SAFE coordinator will give you a heads up on any concerns that might exist.
- Make as many detailed notes as you can. Mention any concerns on the form.
- You are encouraged to ask open-ended questions about what the horse is up to these days and take notes. You are like a reporter doing a feature story. Please take photos of the adopter and the horse together, if possible. Our supporters LOVE to see follow-up articles about the horses.
- Ask the alumni owner for permission to publish photos on our website and our Alumni Facebook Group. Invite them to stay connected with our newsletter and social media presence.
- Please complete this form and return the form and photos to your SAFE coordinator.

ALUMNI SITE VISIT CHECKLIST

Name of Alumni horse: [Justin](#)

Name of adopter: [Kim Taylor](#)

Address of property where horse resides: [723 310th St NE, Stanwood, WA 98292](#)

Current address of adopter (if different):

Current phone number(s) of adopter: [301-349-2349](#)

Current email of adopter: katiakitty@icloud.com

Please attach digital photos, if possible, of the following:

- Full side view body photos of the horse, include the feet! (no blanket)
- Adopter and horse in work or leisure to share with our community!
- Shelters and/or stalls (including where the horse stays)
- Pasture and/or paddocks (including where horse stays)
- Other horses on the property
- Anything else you feel is relevant

Things to have a casual conversation about:

1. How has the horse been doing? Has it had any health or dental issues?
2. What kinds of things does the owner like to do with the horse?
3. What other animals does the horse like to interact with?
4. Does the owner have any concerns?
5. Is there any way we can help or support?
6. Do they have any horse-keeping challenges we can advise on (mud, manure management, feeding strategies)

Please observe and make note of the following things around the farm. Ask to have a tour of where the horse lives, in the spirit of getting to know how they enjoy their day. Try not to make it feel like we are checking up on them.

1. What type of fencing is used?

Four strands of hot wire supported by 4x4 posts.

2. Is the fencing in good repair? ☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Is there debris in the fields/paddocks that horses can injure themselves on? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. What type of shelter is available?

Two stall barn

5. Is the shelter in good repair (no leaks, protruding nails, anything they can be injured on?)

☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Is the farm generally clean and tidy? Are the stalls/shelters and paddocks kept clean? ☒ Yes

☐ No

7. Do the water troughs/buckets look as though they are dumped and cleaned regularly? ☒ Yes

☐ No

Does the horse have access to a reasonable amount of clean water?

☒ Yes

8. Do other horses or animals on the property appear to be well cared for? (i.e., in good weight, feet cared for, etc...?) ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

Comments/Concerns:

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Did adopter agree to have photos shared on the SAFE website ? **Yes** No

I certify that the above statements are true and correct:

 Anne Healey

Name of Site Check Volunteer

Date 2/25/23

Email completed form and photos within one week of visit to: alumni@safehorses.org

Kim has resolved the free fecal water problem that Justin had upon arrival on her property. Her veterinarian suggested trying ½ cup of chia seeds twice a day. So that is what Just eats now and has not had any diarrhea since she started this regimen.

She also solved the edematous reaction to gnat bites by putting him on cetirizine during the gnat season. He has had no problems since she started that. He did founder last year for a brief time. He now has shoes on his front feet and will probably always need them. He looks to be a healthy weight.

He spends his days in the pasture with Linus a teenage thoroughbred. They spend nights in the barn. Everything is very neat and tidy at the property and the animals seem well cared for. Kim has enjoyed seeing Justin's personality shine through the longer he is with her.

As stated previously Kim plans to ride Justin at some time in the future. Her health problems seem to be resolved enough for her to think about riding again. They live near the Pilchuck Tree Farm so trail riding would be possible.

No concerns.