



Equestrian Accessibility Lease Trainer Information

The Equis Save Foundation is a 501c3 foundation that is soliciting donations of sound serviceable horses for use in our Equestrian Accessibility Lease Program “**EquAL**”. The **EquAL** program accepts donations of sport horses trained in English disciplines for annual care leases to riders that otherwise lack the means to purchase a horse of their own. Trainers participating in the program would have access to quality care lease horses that could be individually or share leased to their riders.

The program will match these horses with appropriately skilled riders from underrepresented groups who would otherwise not have the ability to purchase a horse of their own. The goal of this program is to create new horsemanship opportunities for diverse riders.

To be considered as a partner, applicants must meet the following requirements: Potential partners (both individuals and organizations) must:

- Be located in the United States
- Be able to provide stabling for the horse that is safe, healthy, and appropriate
- Have the cooperation of an experienced horse trainer that will provide training/ lessons and supervise the lease
- Explain how their partnership will benefit a member or members of a group that is underrepresented in equestrian sports (Black, Socioeconomically disadvantaged, Indigenous, and/or People of Color)
- Demonstrate an ability to provide for the horse’s expenses during the time period of the lease, including board, regular farrier and veterinary care, feed, supplements, blankets etc.

Once the lease and placement process are complete, the selected partners are responsible for the proper care and humane treatment of the animal for the duration of the lease. Leases are potentially renewable if the partnership is successful. Eligible applicants may include organizations or individual riders. **EquAL** approved trainers would be responsible for supervising the rider and the care lease.

Donors must commit their horse for a year of service in this program, and donations can be renewed yearly at mutual consent of the Donor and the Equis Save Foundation. Donors can specify the geographic area they are comfortable leasing

their horse. For this in kind donation, donors will receive a annual donation receipt of \$5000 from the Equis Save Foundation (consult your tax professional for individual tax questions); or the appraised value for the donated lease horse per year. Lease appraisal fees are the responsibility of the donor. Trainers can work directly with potential care lease donors in their barn and a directed lease to an individual barn or training program is another donation option. All participants in a directed lease would be required to be approved through the formal **EquAL** application process.