



JAKES Club
Jesus And Kids Evangelistic Saddle Club

Reaching children and changing lives one child with one horse at a time!

Donate a Horse (Gelding) Introduction

Thank you for considering JAKES Club as a new home for your horse. Individuals like you have donated many of the current therapy horses, and the program would not be able to function and thrive without these generous donations.

Here are a few things to consider if you think your horse would be happy as a therapeutic riding horse:

Being a therapeutic riding horse is a physically, emotionally, and mentally challenging job! Therapeutic riding horses need to be 100% sound at the walk, trot, and canter. A horse's walk mimics the movements that are used while walking and is therefore very beneficial for both cognitive and physically challenged riders.

The best therapeutic riding horse has good ground manners, and is also good working in hand. It does not mind being handled and approached by different individuals, as it will tend to have more of a curious nature/instinct instead of a flight instinct, especially when being put in a new situation. The horse will need to be comfortable with one or two Sidewalkers (one person on each side of the horse assisting the rider) while walking and trotting during the lesson.

Horse Donation Process:

The horse (gelding only) donation process is as follows:

1. Owner completes the prospective horse donation form:

- [Donate a Horse Introduction Sheet](#)
- [Prospective Horse Donation Evaluation](#)

Submit the form by scanning it and e-mailing to Equine@jakesclub.org or mail to:
JAKES Club 39002 E. Nevins Road Oak Grove, MO 64075

2. Owner provides JAKES Club with pictures of the horse (at least one headshot and one profile) and a short video of the horse being lunged and ridden at the walk, trot, and canter. If the pictures and video are available online (via YouTube, for example), please indicate on the donation form where staff can locate them. If they are not available online, you may e-mail them to Equine@jakesclub.org (if the files are relatively small) or send them through the mail to the address above.

3. If the horse fits JAKES Club's current needs and facility space, someone will contact you and set up a time for two staff members to come evaluate the horse.

4. If the horse seems to meet the program needs after the initial evaluation, the horse will be taken in on a minimum 60-day trial, and the owner will enter in a Horse Trial Agreement with JAKES Club. During the trial period, JAKES Club will continue to evaluate him for suitability for therapeutic riding.

5. Before a horse is accepted for donation, a **vet check** will be conducted towards the end of the trial period.