

Guidelines for donating a horse to the Ranch's Therapeutic Riding Program

The Ranch's Therapeutic Riding Program herd is full, with 20 horses. Therefore, at this time, we are not accepting any new horses into the program.

Guidelines:

- well-broke for youth (10yrs +) and novice riders
- age will be taken into consideration on a horse-by-horse evaluation
- no lameness
- if over the ages of 18, a dental checkup by a Vet is requested
- up to date on vaccinations
- no bad vices/behaviors towards humans (kicking, biting, bucking...)
- information on de-worming schedule and product used
- able to pick up all feet and stand for farrier

All donated horses are taken on a 30-day assessment period, with the donating party transporting the horse to the Minot DBGR TR Center (barn/arena). During those 30 days, the TRI (instructor) will put the horse through all the activities done in our programs. The horse will be kept in a separate paddock from the herd, to avoid injuries and the spread of illnesses.

After the 30-day assessment, the TRI will notify the donating party if the horse will be accepted into the program. If the horse is not accepted into the program, DBGR will return the horse to the donating party (travel only in the state of N.D.). Once a horse is accepted into the DBGR TRP, they are with us until they can no longer participate in the program. Horses are humanely euthanized only if circumstances warrant, such as if the horse is in pain, experiencing serious illness, and saving the horse is beyond our control.

All horses at DBGR TRP receive yearly vaccinations, two dental checkups, rotational de-wormings every two months, farrier service every 8-10 weeks, plus have over 100 acres of pasture land to have to enjoy their lives!

If you have any questions please contact Kristi Schaefer at 701-857-4207 or email to k.schaefer@dakotaranch.org.