



TRAINER APPLICATION AND HANDBOOK

SHOWCASE

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“With Your Help...We Will Make A Difference”

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GERL RESCUE CHALLENGE

The GERL Rescue Challenge is about giving a second chance to rescued horses that no one wanted to adopt due to a lack of training. The GERL Rescue Challenge aims to help our foster horses find a second chance, giving them the skills necessary to find a loving forever home. This competition is not about seeing a horse jump through a ring of fire, ride in the back of a truck or lay on its back. It's about training horses to be well versed horses that will fit into the largest variety of homes possible. Horses that can be easily caught, lead, tied, saddled, bridled, easy to ride, will stand for the farrier, vet, in essence, horses that you would want your kids to ride. Thanks to the hard work of the trainers who are selected for the GERL Rescue Challenge competition, these horses will become well-rounded, well trained horses. This handbook of rules is intended to establish uniform regulations and procedures for qualifying participants in the GERL Rescue Challenge. These rules may be modified or changed at any time without prior notice. These rules are in effect for the 2017 GERL Rescue Challenge. Failure to comply with the rules, regulations and procedures in this book may result in disqualification and/or disciplinary action.

GENERAL RULES

Trainers may only use Georgia Equine Rescue League (GERL) foster horses for the GERL Rescue Challenge. Trainers must train and show the same horse that was drawn from the beginning of the contest to qualify to go to the Showcase, unless the horse is unable to continue due to injury or other circumstances out of the control of the trainer. All horses will be vetted, vaccinated and have a Negative Coggins prior to trainers picking up their horse. Trainers are encouraged to demonstrate their horses for potential adopters to help find the horse an adoptive home if trainer does not wish to retain adopt their horse. We encourage trainers to take their horse off property to events and rides to gain as much exposure as possible to different environments. The indoor arena at the event will be available for warm up, winners will be announced following the competition. Selection of horses is by random draw unless there is a reason to categorize horses by height or gender issues.

TRAINERS

Trainers must be a minimum of 16 years of age prior to entering contest. No substitution or replacement of approved trainer will be allowed. All trainers must have knowledge and experience with unhandled horses and have trained horses before. Trainers must use a natural horseman style of training. Training must be humane and compassionate. "Least resistance" techniques are encouraged. Trainers must never use any training methods that are cruel or inhumane. Hog tying or tying the horse to foreign objects such as large tires or logs etc. is not permitted and will lead to elimination from the contest. Should the competitor's horse be deemed untrainable, the trainer must notify GERL no later than 45 days after the beginning of the competition and the trainer must return the horse back to the foster home within 10 days of notification. A replacement horse may be possible.

FACILITY FOR THE HORSE

Applicant's facilities will be inspected by a GERL representative as part of the selection process. The facility can consist of either a stall, pasture or paddock. Turning your horse out into a large area is not recommended until the horse has acquired the training and trust to allow you to catch him or her in a large area with ease. You must provide shelter from the sun and rain for your horse. The shelter may be a natural shelter or a constructed shelter. Natural Shelter - can be a large shade tree(s). The horse needs to be able to have shade and protection from the elements. Constructed Shelter - must be a safe and well constructed structure with a roof. The ground inside the shelter should be mud free and have good drainage, rubber mats are preferred, but not required. The shelter needs to be easily accessible to the rescued horse. Tarp or loose plastic shelters are not acceptable.

SPONSORSHIPS

GERL wants you to find sponsors for your Challenge Horse. Sponsors are to be run through GERL. Sponsorships cost \$20 per month, of which \$15 a month goes to you, the trainer, and \$5 a month is retained by GERL. Sponsorships must be paid to GERL Paypal Challenge account or by check made payable to GERL. The payment must include the horse's name and the trainer's name. Direct links will be posted on the website for ease of sponsorship. If contestant collects financial sponsorship directly, contestant is responsible for sending the sponsorship to the GERL monthly. Item donations given to contestants are not counted as sponsorships for points and are not tax deductible. Get Sponsors! - Ask local businesses, friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you and the horse in the GERL Rescue Challenge. If you can get 20 sponsors for you and the horse at \$15.00 a month, you will have \$300 a month to help care for the horse and other related costs. Every trainer will be posted on the GERL website featuring the horse and you. There is no limit to the number of sponsors that a horse can get. Financial sponsorships received through the GERL Paypal account are tax deductible. Trainers are responsible for thanking their sponsors. GERL Rescue Challenge is continually seeking corporate sponsorship agreements with a variety of companies. We ask that trainers honor those sponsorships. Trainers are asked to dress professionally during the showcase. Trainers will be restricted from wearing personal apparel or equine products during the competition that have logos that are larger than 3 inches wide and 3 inches tall. Trainers are asked to create a stall display promoting their horse for the Showcase event and will be provided a booth space to promote their training business.

COMPENSATION

GERL will reimburse each trainer up to \$250 per month for feed, hay and supplements and at cost for farrier. Veterinary care must be approved for non-emergency situations and veterinarians are to bill GERL. All expenses **MUST** be submitted on the approved GERL Rescue Challenge Expense report with receipts attached and submitted to the GERL Foster Horse Coordinator for Approval. Expenses will be paid by the GERL Treasurer within 2 weeks.

UPDATES AND FACEBOOK POSTING

GERL wants to promote the Challenge trainers as much as possible. Each horse and trainer will have their own webpage on the GERL website. Each contestant will be given posting rights to the GERL Rescue Challenge Facebook Group (created by GERL.) The Facebook feed will be automatically updated onto the trainers Webpage. Trainers must post their updates on the Facebook page, only certain posts as defined below will qualify for points.

1: For every update with pictures, no more than once a week, you will receive 3 points.

2: For every update with video link, no more than once a week, you will receive 5 points. Updates must be posted to the Facebook page in the week for which points are desired. Weeks are considered Sunday to Sunday. No updates will be counted posted during the week prior to the Showcase. All updates must be family friendly. Written and/or video update must be free from any foul language. Any written or video update with foul language will be deleted and no points will be received. Determination of inappropriate video and update content is at the sole discretion of GERL.

TACK

Halter - Regular rope, nylon or leather halters are acceptable for the competition.

Bridle - Regular rope, nylon or leather, English, Western or Australian bridles are acceptable for the competition. Bit - The rescued horse should be ridden in the mildest bit that the horse will respond to and be the appropriate size. The rescued horse should be started and ridden in a halter or snaffle bit. Chain mouthed bits (regular chain, bicycle or chainsaw link chain), Twisted bits, Wire bits, High Port bits, Spade or Spoon bits, or any other bits that are harsh or severe bits are not acceptable. Any bit or equipment determined severe by the judges will not be allowed.

Bitless – Properly fitted Bosals and Sidepulls are allowed however the rescued horse must know how to accept and use a bit as well. Mechanical hackamores are not acceptable.

Saddle - The saddle must be a safe well fitted saddle that does not cause discomfort to the rescue horse. A nice saddle pad at least 1/2" thick must be used when the rescued horse is under saddle. The horse may be ridden bare back. English, Western or Australian saddles for the competition.

CONDUCT

Conduct shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike and humane in the treatment of the rescued horses, such as to promote the implementation of the event and promote fair competition. This includes, but is not limited to: conduct while trainers have the rescued horse in their care; conduct on the show grounds; conduct while trainers are wearing GERL logos on or off the show grounds; and includes the conduct of individuals traveling with trainers, spectators or event managers and all other persons being present on show grounds. Trainers are responsible for maintaining good sportsmanship among their assistants and guests. Any alleged unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct, such as illegal, indecent or profane, and the inhumane treatment of horses are prohibited and shall be grounds for the disciplinary action against offending individuals. Further, event management may immediately expel offenders from the competition or show grounds in order to preserve the decorum of the show.

TRAINING

What will the judges be looking for? The rescue horse needs to be well trained and have a good foundation. The rescued horse must be shown in a regular rope, nylon or leather halter for all the ground work. The rescued horse needs to be easy to catch, halter trained, leads and stand tied calmly. The rescued horse should not be pushy to humans while being lead and should be able to stand and back up. The horse needs to stand calmly while being fly sprayed and bathed. The rescued horse should lift all four feet and stand calmly for a farrier. The rescued horse should take the saddle pad, saddle and bridle without the horse tossing its head or moving about. The rescued horse should stand calmly for a rider to mount without walking, backing or side stepping. The rescued horse should walk, trot, canter, stop and back up under saddle with a rider. The rescued horse should stand calmly for a vet exam. The rescued horse should load into a horse trailer.

GROOMING

The horse should be in the best condition for the Showcase as possible. Conditioning includes weight, muscling, conditioning, hair coat and overall presentation. The horse's body should be clean and free from dust and dander. Horse's mane and tail should be well cared for. Manes may be left flowing or braided. Depending on what style of riding the mane may be cut or trimmed. Roached manes are not preferred and will have a 10 point deduction off your Grand Finale points score. Tails maybe flowing or braided, depending on what style of riding, the tail must be natural. GERL prefers that horses be barefoot, shoes must be approved. No person shall alter in any way, change, or attempt to hide the natural marking and/or rubbed or raw skin of a horse by surgery, dye, powder or in any other manner. Use of false tails or extensions on the mane or tail are prohibited.

SHOWCASE COMPETITION

The grand finale consists of three parts: In-Hand, Natural Trail and Freestyle Performance. Trainers will select the order of go at the Launch Party on Friday Night of the competition. Competitors will be given 4 minutes to set up arena for their Freestyle Performance. At completion of trainers Freestyle Performance the next trainer is given 4 minutes to set up arena, etc. Prior to Showcase – Contestants must send in their Freestyle Performance music and performance explanation (description, choreography map, etc) no later than October 1st. before the Grand Finale. Failure to provide the music and Freestyle Performance description will result in 90 points being deducted from Freestyle Performance points.

IN-HAND PHASE

In-Hand Phase – 5 points per maneuver per judge maximum

The horse may be asked to walk or jog by the judge to determine any lameness or poor health. If the horse is found to have lameness or poor health the horse may be removed from the competition. There will be 10 tasks that the horse and trainer may be asked to do. The horse should be ready to perform all 10 tasks, **some of the basic requirements may be:**

1. Leads - walks, trots, stops and backs up
2. Ties and stands calmly
3. Stands calmly while being fly sprayed
4. Lifts all 4 feet
5. Handles obstacles which may include bridges, tarps, logs, and more.

NATURAL TRAIL PHASE

Mounted Phase – 5 points per task per judge maximum

Contestants will be judged on the execution of 10 maneuvers. Failure to complete a maneuver will result in a 0 score for that maneuver. This score will reflect completion of the maneuver as well as the horse's level of willingness to execute the maneuvers in a relaxed and confident manner. Trail course will be designed to simulate obstacles typically found on trail rides. The horse must be ridden to be eligible for the maximum points per task.

Contestants will be given finalized list of maneuvers at the Launch Party.

FREESTYLE PERFORMANCE

Freestyle Performance – 120 total points per judge

The freestyle portion of the Grand Finale competition encourages trainers to choose music, costumes and props which permit them to show the athletic abilities and training of their horse in a crowd appealing way. Trainers will have 4 minutes to set up arena prior to their Freestyle Performance. Trainers will have the length of one song for their Freestyle Performance. During the freestyle performance, contestants will be scored based on the following:

- Overall Horsemanship - 30 points per judge
- The communication and partnership between horse and rider, and the horse's overall willingness to perform and execute maneuvers correctly in a controlled, relaxed and confident manner (15 points per judge.)
- Incorporation of maneuvers and their degree of difficulty (15 points per judge.) These maneuvers should include but are not limited to: sidepass, jumping, rollbacks, roping, lead changes, circles with variance in size and speed, stops, etc.
- Artistic Interpretation - 30 points per judge:
- Components of Choreography – the composition and arrangement of the ride in relation to the music and its rhythm, as well as the use of maneuvers, costumes, and/or props to enhance the performance (10 points per judge.)
- The "WOW" Factor – level of originality and the overall entertainment value of the performance (20 points per judge)

ADDITIONAL SHOWCASE INFORMATION

Each contestant must complete the required maneuvers (example listed above, final listed given to trainers at the Launch Party.) The completion of the maneuvers will take place separately from the freestyle performance. For the freestyle performance, trainers will have four minutes to stage or set the arena. Trainers must provide their own props and assistance for arena set up and tear down for the freestyle performance - it is the trainer's responsibility to make sure all props are cleared from the arena immediately following the conclusion of the freestyle performance, including hay, confetti, etc, within 2 minutes. Have a team of assistants ready! Props of pyrotechnic nature including fireworks, flares, firecrackers, rings of fire, Cowboy Mounted Shooting etc. are not allowed. Cap Guns with no projectiles are allowed, but Cap Gun must be examined by a GERL Challenge Committee Member upon check-in and prior to Freestyle event. Cap Gun must maintain factory coloration (bright orange tip) and must not be a replica gun or blank gun. Trainers will have the length of one song to complete their freestyle performance – music and time will start when competitor and/or horse enters the arena. Live "voice-overs" and/or commentary from the trainer are not allowed during the performance. Music is a required component of the freestyle performance – if the trainer does not supply their own music during the finalists' meeting at the event, management may select music for him/her, and 90 points will be deducted from the Freestyle Performance points. All music is subject to review and approval by GERL. Animals (dogs, additional horses, etc.) will NOT be allowed in the arena during the Freestyle performance for any reason. Other animals are not allowed to act as props for the performance at any time. Children under 18 will NOT be allowed in the arena during the Freestyle performance for any reason. Up to 2 adults may be used to help move props etc. during the performance. Horses are not allowed to walk, trot or lope onto or into any moving objects or covered vehicles or trailers of any kind. Contestants, other than Friday Night accommodations, must remain on the premises during the entire Showcase competition until excused by a GERL Committee Member. Failure to remain on premises could result in forfeiture of all points and prizes. During the events, Trainer must remain with their horse at the event and may not leave the event until they have completed the event. The P.A. system is used to help the show move as smoothly as possible, but is only a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the contestants to know when they are required to be in the make-up area or arena. Not hearing or understanding gate calls, etc. is NOT an excuse for missing one's order in the contest.

JUDGING

If for any reason one of the judges has to be withdrawn from judging due to circumstances unforeseen in advance by the GERL Rescue Challenge committee, another judge will be substituted. Decisions of the Judge or Judges will be final.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

In the event of a tie in the GERL Rescue Challenge competition, In the event of a Grand Finale tie, the judge(s) may choose to use the pre-Grand Finale scores of the tied contestants as the tie-breaker.

POINT SYSTEM

The GERL Rescue Challenge competition is based upon two aspects: Posting Points, Sponsorship money and Showcase Competition Points. Points awarded for the Posting and Sponsorship have no bearing on the Showcase Competition. All trainers will be starting the Showcase competition with 0 points.

AWARDS

The trainer with the most points for Posting and Sponsorships money will be given a \$250.00 cash prize. In the Showcase Competition the cash prizes are as follows: 1st place: \$3,000, 2nd place: \$1,500, 3rd place: \$750. Any person receiving a cash prize must fill out and sign an IRS W9.

ADOPTION

At the completion of the competition all horses will return to the trainer's facility for a period of no more than (2) weeks. During this time, the trainer is responsible for scheduling perspective adopters to inspect and try the horse. The trainer will be given copies of all applicants with a score sheet on how to rate potential adopters. If the trainer is unwilling or unable to continue fostering of their horse after the Challenge, the horse will be returned to a GERL Foster home. All prospective adoptive homes must complete an application, have their home inspected and be approved by GERL. If trainer desires the new adopter will be required to complete a minimum of 1 hour training with trainer at adopter's expense. Adoption fee is set by GERL with a recommendation from the trainer.

DRUGS

The trainer or any other person shall not administer drugs internally or externally to the rescued horse, either before or during the GERL Rescue Challenge competition, any medication, drug, unauthorized mechanical device or artificial appliance, which is of such character as, could affect its performance or appearance at the event. The GERL Rescue Challenge Committee reserves the right to randomly or uniformly drug test any or all of the rescued horses in the competition. Positive tests may result in removal from the event, removal of reimbursement and prize money.

REMOVAL FROM COMPETITION

GERL has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove an applicant or contestant from the GERL Rescue Challenge competition for any reason without disclosure of reason. Any applicant or contestant may be removed from the selection process or competition at any time if found to have any alleged history of cruelty to animals or humans. Removal of any trainer from the application process or competitions is at the discretion of the GERL Rescue Challenge Committee. GERL may at any time conduct a criminal background check on applicants or contestant and/or remove any applicants or contestant from the process for any reasons or for no reason.



GERL RESCUE CHALLENGE 2018 Trainer Application

The purpose of the GERL Rescue Challenge is to provide a solid foundation through training which will ultimately find these horses a forever home.

Participation in the GERL Rescue Challenge is by invitation only. The Rescue Challenge Event Committee holds the undisputed right to determine eligibility.

*Name: _____

*Date of Birth: _____ Male _____ Female _____

*MailingAddress: _____

*City/State/Zip: _____

*Social Security Number: _____

*Training/Stabling Location: _____

*Home Phone: _____ *Cell _____

*Email Address: _____ Website: _____

*REQUIRED INFORMATION

T Shirt Size: _____

Trainers must be 16 years of age or older to participate in the contest.

ONLY GEORGIA RESIDENTS MAY APPLY

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Questionnaire: All questions must be answered. Use additional pages if you need to explain any of your answers. The GERL Rescue Challenge Committee may seek a criminal background check on all applicants.

1. Have you ever been accused or convicted of animal or human abuse or cruelty?

2. Are you a professional horse trainer (received compensation)? _____
3. How many years have you been training horses? _____
4. Do you compete in equine related events/contests? _____
5. Have you won awards or received recognition for your participation in equine related events? _____
6. Are you willing to have your training/stabling facility pre-inspected by a GERL representative?

Required Submissions: (ALL must be received before your application will be considered).

1. Two completed reference forms (herein included) from non-family members. Please provide names, email addresses, and daytime phone numbers for each reference.

2. A short paragraph to say why you feel you should be selected for this competition.
3. A short (3-5 sentences) personal biography to be used for promotional purposes. What would you like for us to say about you?
4. A high resolution **digital** headshot photo of yourself (clearly labeled) to be used for promotional purposes.
5. A 10 – 15 minute video of your training/handling techniques.
6. Read, sign, and return your notarized agreements (herein included) to adhere to both the (1)GERL Foster Care Guidelines, as well as the (2) GERL Humane Treatment Policy **for the** entire time you are training and caring for a GERL rescue horse. All submissions will be retained by GERL.

My signature below signifies my understanding that participation in this event is by invitation only and that I may be removed as a contestant or participant at any point, for any or no reason, at the discretion of the GERL Rescue Challenge Committee which holds unqualified authority over all aspects of this event.

I state that all questions have been answered truthfully and to the best of my ability.

Applicant's

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notary: _____ Date: _____



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2018 Photo / Film / Video Release

I, _____ (Rescue Challenge Applicant/Contestant) as an adult or minor with parental consent, grant Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd (GERL) and/ or the Rescue Challenge Committee (Producers), their legal representatives, successors, and all persons or corporations acting with their permission, absolute and unrestricted permission to use and/or publish photographs or videos of myself for the purpose of advertising or promoting the GERL Rescue Challenge. This is an event, the purpose of which is to raise public awareness of the large number of starved, neglected, and unwanted horses in our state and in our country. In addition it is to be a fund raising event to support the ongoing efforts of GERL to rescue, rehabilitate, and find homes for such animals. The event producers hope to, in addition to showcasing my horse training skills, demonstrate the results of 120 days of training, which I have agreed to perform, with the goal of producing a rescued animal with a greatly improved chance of being adopted and enjoying a productive life.

I hereby waive my right to inspect and/or approve any video, photograph or ad copy used for the above described purpose unless it can be shown that said photographs, videos, or ad copy was intentionally produced for the sole purpose of subjecting me to ridicule, embarrassment, scandal, and/or indignity.

I certify that I am an adult, or if not an adult, I have parental permission (signed below) and am free and able to grant this consent.

Applicant/Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness or Parent Signature: _____



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2018 Reference Form

For Trainer Applicants

TWO Reference Forms must be submitted with EACH application.

Please mail completed reference form to
Tamma Trump 4540 Camp Place Acworth, GA 30102
OR scan and email to Tamma at mshwinney@juno.com

Trainer Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Reference Daytime Phone: _____

Reference Email: _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

How often have you observed the applicant ride and/or work with horses?

Are their facilities adequate and safe for training and maintaining horses? _____

Do you, or have you ever had concerns about horses in the care of this applicant? _____

Would you recommend this applicant to work with untrained or difficult horses? _____

Personal Comments (MOST IMPORTANT - regarding horse training skills, personal work ethic, and values):

*If more space is needed to expand upon your comments, feel free to use the back of this page or use additional sheets of paper.



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Policy for Humane Treatment, Care of Horses and Liability Release

As an organization dedicated to insuring the humane treatment and dignity of all horses, Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. emphatically requires that animals being trained for the GERL Rescue Challenge be treated with respect and compassion throughout the training and competitive periods. Just as with the selection of competing trainer applicants, the GERL Rescue Challenge Committee (hereafter known as “the Committee”) maintains the right to remove any contestant from the competition if it is deemed that any part of this policy has been violated.

It is the will and intention of Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. (event producer) and the Committee that all competing trainers employ methods which encourage a positive and trusting relationship between horse and handler. Immediate elimination from the competition would result for any trainer whose horse displays evidence of emaciation or injury. Horses may not be struck with objects, subjected to excessive spurring, or inhumane use of the reins or any other training device.

This event seeks to promote a calm, strong bond, and a willing partnership between horse and handler. Trainers are expected to maintain a high level of dignity for the horse during all phases of training and competition.

Here is a list of the GERL minimum requirements you are expected to provide for the care of the GERL horse with which you will be working:

1. The horse will have access to an enclosed (fenced) area for turnout and exercise.
Staking out of horses is not acceptable.
Fencing must be in good repair and acceptable for horses.
2. Shelter must be available in the form of a run-in, stall, or shed.
3. Horses must have access to adequate, clean water at all times.
4. Condition of other animals on the property must meet standards of the Committee.
5. Facility will be inspected and approved by a GERL representative prior to your receiving a horse with which to work.

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Further, it is agreed that GERL will pay all basic expenses of the horse in your care. This means a REASONABLE allotment for feed, hoof care, dental care, and veterinary expenses. You are expected to use your own tack and training equipment.

Due to the well-known and inherent danger of working with horses, GERL will NOT be responsible for medical treatment, injury, disability or death of the trainer in the event that he/she is injured or killed in the course of his/her voluntary work with a GERL horse. In other words, you agree to hold harmless Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd., its Directors, Board Members, Officers, Area Coordinators, Members, or Volunteers, including any affiliate thereof, from and against ALL liability, causes of action, suits, demands, judgments and claims of any nature whatsoever arising from, by reason of, or in connection with this event for which you seek acceptance.

Reimbursement of reasonable expenses will be discussed with the selected contestants.

My signature below signifies that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Humane Treatment Policy, requirements for the care of a GERL horse, and the liability release above. I voluntarily agree to these requirements. In addition, I understand that if the Committee determines that I have violated any portion of the above policies; my participation in the GERL Rescue Challenge will be immediately terminated.

Trainer's name (printed) _____

Trainer's Signature _____ Date _____

Accepted by: _____
Rescue Challenge Committee Member



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, NOTICE AND RELEASE

THE UNDERSIGNED does hereby, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, acknowledge that the activities engaged in and/or participated in are covered by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 4-12-1 through 4-12-5 and that the **Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd.** is an **Equine Activity Sponsor** as contemplated there under and further acknowledge that he has received the **Warning** as required in OCGA 4-12-4 (Warning required: effect of failure to comply with notice requirement). The warning is as follows:

WARNING

Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the official Code of Georgia Annotated.

I acknowledge and fully understand that Equine Activities and particularly "Trail Rides" and cross-country horseback riding over obstacles, steep and rough terrain and with unknown riders and horses can be dangerous activities. I wish to participate in these activities knowing they can be dangerous. I release and hold harmless from all risks of injury (including death) to me, my horse and property.

Should any person listed below require medical assistance for any reason during the Equine Activity and not be in a position to obtain, request or authorize such treatment at the time, such person hereby authorizes the Equine Activity Sponsors to obtain such medical treatment or emergency care as they may deem necessary or desirable and such person agrees to hold the Equine Activity Sponsors harmless with regard to any such emergency care or the expenses arising there from.

The Equine Activity Sponsors do not condone the drinking of alcohol or taking of drugs at Equine Activities. If you are taking any drugs or medication that might affect your ability to participate in this Equine Activity or otherwise do not have the experience, knowledge or ability to participate in this Equine Activity please do not participate.

A parent or legal guardian must sign this Acknowledgement Notice and Release for each minor child and the minor's name must be printed above the parent or guardian's name signature:

Acknowledge and agreed to this _____ day of _____, _____.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Minor Child Name/Names: _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____

In case of emergency, please notify: Name: _____

Telephone #: _____