

Redwings Rehoming

What do we expect from you?

We don't ask any more from you than any responsible owner would provide for their own horse.

That is, that you ensure they have a safe environment with a loving home, suitable food, water and shelter as appropriate, a regular regime of care including foot trims, worming, vaccinations, dentals and veterinary treatment whenever they need it. Our horses' welfare always comes first and we do reserve the right to do annual checks to make sure all their needs are being met, offer support if needed, and most importantly find out more about your partnership and the fun you've been having with your new friend.

How much does it cost?

We make no charge for rehoming a horse from Redwings, there is only a £50 passport deposit to pay. However we are a registered charity and any donation you may see fit to make can help fund the training your horse has received as well as enabling us to continue our vital rescue and rehoming work across the UK.

How do I apply?

Just visit www.redwings.org.uk to see who's available right now or call 01508 481008 if you'd like to have a chat with a member of our team.

Other information

Find out more about our training methods on our website or by visiting www.equitationsscience.co.uk.

Not in our area? Find a charity that rehomes horses near you by visiting the National Equine Welfare Council website at www.newc.co.uk.

Learn more about the work of Redwings at www.redwings.org.uk.

Did you know? More than 10% of Redwings Guardians have gone on to take on a second horse and pony from us.

Did you know? Horses and ponies have a near-perfect photographic memory, so they instantly know if something is out of place in their stable! As a result they learn very quickly and it also means they remember experiences for a very long time, whether positive or negative.

Did you know? The horse's brain has a large amygdala, which is the fear centre. Their fear responses are learned very fast and are never forgotten and so overcoming these responses and teaching them not to be afraid of foreign things like a saddle or rug takes time, patience and understanding.



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The beginning of a beautiful friendship





We love a happy ending!

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What is Redwings Rehoming?

Rehoming a horse from a charity like Redwings is extremely rewarding. Not only will you be doing something amazing by giving a loving home to a rescued horse or pony but you will also be making space at the Sanctuary for us to help more horses in need.

At Redwings we have around 1,500 horses and ponies in the Sanctuary with over 450 more living out in 'Guardian homes' as we call them. Becoming a Redwings Guardian means you take home one of our horses on a permanent loan basis - they always belong to Redwings but you will be responsible for their day-to-day care and hopefully they will become part of your family too!

How does it work?

We rehome to homes across East Anglia and the Home Counties. For a full list of counties, see our website www.redwings.org.uk.

The Redwings Guardianship Scheme operates via our website, which helps us to keep our costs low and avoids you having to join a long waiting list. You can view the horses available and even apply online too.

Following a home visit to make sure everything is in order at your end, we then invite you to come in and meet the horse and of course meet our dedicated Rehoming team, who are all about finding the right match to best suit our horse's needs and yours.

The beginning of a beautiful friendship starts at www.redwings.org.uk.

What are the benefits?

All our horses are trained to be handled and ridden using the principles of equitation science, which is based around how horses learn. It uses the most ethical and humane training methods possible to ensure our horses have a really positive experience, and it also means you go home with a horse or pony who is well behaved and who has learned good manners for all the right reasons.

Each horse has to work through an extensive list of areas of training before he or she can be rehomed, and so they experience every possible scenario we can think of, from rug fitting and veterinary interventions, to scary vehicles with flashing lights, to football rattles, gym balls and even flags! That means they are used to all kinds of stimuli and are as safe as we can possibly make them. As you will know, it's impossible to guarantee any horse's behaviour so our policy is to be completely honest about any special requirements or quirks. Before you go home you will know everything we do about the horse or pony you are taking on!

And the support doesn't stop once you've taken your new friend home, as our Rehoming team, Field Officers and Redwings volunteers are always on hand should you need their help. They have years of experience of supporting our Guardians and their ponies in their new lives together.

