



**Volunteer Information & Release**

***This form is to be printed and brought to the farm in person.***

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Background Information:**

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime?    Yes    No;    If yes, please explain:

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By signing this portion of the application, I am authorizing New Freedom Farm or appointed staff to receive information from any law enforcement agency, of this state or any other state, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to any convictions I may have had for violations of state or federal criminal laws, including but not limited to convictions for crimes committed upon children or animals. I understand that such access is for the purpose of considering my application as a volunteer or staff, and that I expressly DO NOT authorize New Freedom Farm directors, officers, employees or other volunteers to disseminate this information.

Current Driver's License:    Yes    No    State: \_\_\_\_\_    License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

MY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, ARISING OUT OF YOUR RIDING OR USE OF THE OWNER'S HORSE AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES AT New Freedom Farm, as individual property owners, INCLUDING INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF YOU OR New Freedom Farm, as individuals.

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO ITS TERMS.

By signing this form, I hereby acknowledge on behalf of myself that I have familiarized myself with the activities that I will be allowed to participate in, and that I do hereby acknowledge and agree that I will participate in these activities without restriction or limitation. I recognize the inherent risks involved in riding and working with horses, including but not limited to:

- Bites, kicks, abrasions, or contusions from horses.
- Being thrown or bucked off by horses.
- Scratches or other injury from stalls or enclosures.
- Scratches or other injury from grooming tools and other equine equipment and tack.
- Allergic reactions to animals, hay, or other allergens.
- Tripping in holes or on materials or equipment.
- Slipping, falling, or otherwise being injured in the barn, in stalls, or on the grounds, which can be slippery, muddy, wet, or contain or present other hazards.

**Under Virginia law**, "an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person, which shall include a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, shall not be liable for an injury to or death of a participant resulting from the intrinsic dangers of equine activities..." pursuant to Chapter 62 of Title 3.2 of the official Code of Virginia.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_