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Date: _____

Dear Health Care Provider:
Your patient, _____
(participant's name)
is interested in participating in supervised equine assisted therapy at Saving Grace Farm. These activities will likely be unmounted based on the goals they set with their therapist and our evaluation for safety. In the case their goals could lead to mounted activities, our center requests that you complete/update the attached Medical History and Physician's Statement Form. Please note that the following conditions may suggest precautions and contraindications to equine activities. Therefore, when completing this form, please note whether these conditions are present, and to what degree.

Orthopedic
Atlantoaxial Instability - include neurologic symptoms
Coxa Arthrosis
Cranial Deficits
Heterotopic Ossification/Myositis Ossificans
Joint subluxation/dislocation
Osteoporosis
Pathologic Fractures
Spinal Joint Fusion/Fixation
Spinal Joint Instability/Abnormalities

Neurologic
Hydrocephalus/Shunt
Seizure
Spina Bifida/Chiari II malformation/Tethered Cord/Hydromyelia

Other
Age - under 4 years
Indwelling Catheters/Medical Equipment
Medications - i.e. photosensitivity
Poor Endurance
Skin Breakdown

Medical/Psychological
Allergies
Animal Abuse
Cardiac Condition
Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse
Blood Pressure Control
Dangerous to self or others
Exacerbations of medical conditions (i.e. RA, MS)
Fire Settings
Hemophilia
Medical Instability
Migraine
PVD
Respiratory Compromise
Recent Surgeries
Substance Abuse
Thought Control Disorders
Weight Control Disorder

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this patient's participation in equine assisted activities, please feel free to contact the center at the address/phone indicated above.

Sincerely,
Janna Griggs, Executive Director

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Participant's Medical History & Physician's Statement

(to be completed by a licensed physician)

Please fill this out to its fullest extent. Please fax this form to 980-458-6037

Participant: _____ DOB: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____
Diagnosis: _____ Date of Onset: _____
Past/Prospective Surgeries: _____
Medications: _____
Seizure Type: _____ Controlled: Y N Date of Last Seizure: _____Shunt Present: Y N
Date of last revision: _____
Special Precautions/Needs: _____
Mobility: Independent Ambulation Y N Assisted Ambulation Y N Wheelchair Y N
Braces/Assistive Devices: _____
For those with Down Syndrome: AtlantoDens Interval X-rays, date: _____ Result: + --
Neurologic Symptoms of AtlantoAxial Instability: ___present ___absent _____% of incidence

Please indicate current or past special needs in the following systems/areas, including surgeries:

	Y	N	Comments
Auditory			
Visual			
Tactile Sensation			
Speech			
Cardiac			
Circulatory			
Integumentary/Skin			
Immunity			
Pulmonary			
Neurologic			
Muscular			
Balance			
Orthopedic			
Allergies			
Learning Disability			
Cognitive			
Emotional/Psychological			
Pain			
Other			

Given the above diagnosis and medical information, this person is not medically precluded from participation in equine-assisted activities and/or therapies. I permit the client to participate in: (initial one)

_____ Ground ONLY equine activities
_____ Either ground or mounted (riding) equine activities

I understand that the Saving Grace Farm staff will weigh the medical information given against the existing precautions and contraindications. Therefore, I refer this person to the organization for ongoing evaluation to determine eligibility for participation.

Name/Title: _____ MD DO NP PA Other _____
Signature: _____ **Date**: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____)_____ License/UPIN Number: _____