



## **KAIMANAWA WILD HORSE WELFARE TRUST INC.**

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### **Buying a Wild Kaimanawa Horse Direct From the Muster**

The approximate date for the annual muster to take place is the end of May or early June, whenever the weather conditions are favourable.

If you think you would like to get a Kaimanawa Wild Horse from the annual muster you need to carefully consider the following information.

A Kaimanawa Wild Horse is **WILD**. You cannot expect it to behave like a domesticated or handled horse. Kaimanawa Wild Horses do not know anything about:

- Being left alone without other horses
- Being handled
- Being haltered, tied up, covered or stabled
- Fences of any sort
- Vehicles, people, pets or other things we have around domestic livestock
- Being transported (float or truck)

**Your application will require you to provide two referees, under go a home check and pay an application fee.**

#### **Muster:**

The annual muster is under sole control of the Department of Conservation (DOC). Horses are mustered in family groups usually from specific areas. These areas are decided by DOC from the results of the annual census. The DOC vet decides which horses are suitable for re-homing & which will be slaughtered. Therefore until this point is reached the Kaimanawa Wild Horse Welfare Trust (KWHWT) does not know what horses will be available for re-homing. Because the KWHWT does not get to choose what horses we are able to offer, we must do our best to allocate the horses provided to us to the applicants. The end result of this is that the KWHWT can not guarantee to supply you with the type of horse you request, or possibly (in the worst case) even supply a horse at all.

#### **Transport:**

DOC will transport the Kaimanawa Wild Horses from the muster to a distribution point. Transport to your yards will be arranged for you by the KWHWT (at your expense) in a suitable truck.

You must state clearly on your application form the exact delivery details of where your yards are situated. Include Rapid/Rural numbers, colour of letterboxes etc., anything that will help the truck driver find you easily. Please be aware it is most likely to be wet, muddy conditions and a truck needs to be able to get to the loading ramp and turn around & get back on the road without getting bogged down in your paddock.

The truck driver may refuse to unload the horse(s) if he believes the facilities provided are unsafe for the horse(s) or the driver & the truck.

**Feed, Facilities and Training:**

You will need good strong cattle yards and loading ramp with a minimum height of at least 1.5 metres. Sheep yards are **NOT** suitable as these horses can jump.

Grass and hay and plenty of clean water are required when a horse first arrives. Wild Horses are not used to lucerne or grain feeds. Grain feeds should be introduced slowly. Take care in initial grazing management and feed routines. Consult a veterinarian or the KWHWT if you need advice.

You must graze your new Kaimanawa horse with or adjacent to other horses. These horses have never been alone. Without the company of other horses, it will fret, become stressed or jump out of the yard, or even just give up on life.

**Handling:**

Mares may be pregnant. It is best to do as little as possible until after she has foaled. Stress is likely to trigger an abortion in pregnant mares. Just let her settle on your property with a paddock mate and let her get used to you coming to her paddock with hay, etc, and accept you.

Other Kaimanawa Wild Horses can be handled as soon as you feel they can cope - usually within a couple of weeks.

KWHWT will not transport unhandled horse(s) to the South Island (for obvious safety & welfare reasons).

KWHWT can arrange handling at your cost if required, your horse(s) will be delivered direct to the handler, basic skills will be taught such as: catch, halter, lead and tie, pickup feet and load.

**Stallions/ Castration:**

Young stallions and colts should be gelded as soon as they have been handled enough to be able to do this operation. Note that this must be done by a veterinarian.

Stallions can be most difficult to handle. They have been known to break down fences and travel considerable distances. It is a strong recommendation that all stallions are gelded because entire male horses can be unpredictable and dangerous.

**Worms:**

These horses have high worm burdens and may be lice-infested when captured. The KWHWT will treat your Kaimanawa with a pour on wormer before they are delivered to you. It is imperative to treat your Kaimanawa with a broad spectrum wormer, as soon as possible as your horse will still be carrying a heavy worm burden. Please check for lice and if necessary treat your Kaimanawa.

**Costs:**

The price of the horse is \$200.00; this includes one year's KWHWT membership, horse registration and a \$75.00 gelding rebate on receipt of veterinary certificate.

Additional horses are \$170.00 each.

The application fee is \$100.00; this will be deducted from the purchase price of the horse. The application fee is not refundable once the KWHWT has commenced processing your application.

It will only be refunded if, due to a shortage of mustered horses, that KWHWT can not supply you with a horse.

The balance of payment for your horse is due within 7 days of date of delivery of the horse(s). The horse(s) remains the property of the Kaimanawa Wild Horse Welfare Trust until paid for in full.

Transport costs are dependent on distance and are payable directly to the transport company, expect to spend approx \$100.00 to \$250.00 per horse within the North Island.

Approximate handling costs, \$500.00 for a foal, \$750.00 for a yearling, price on application for an older horse. These are approximate costs and do not include the purchase or transport costs.

If you have any questions regarding your application please contact:

**info@wildhorses.org.nz or phone**

Kaimanawa Wild Horse Welfare Trust will put you in touch with your nearest area representative.



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**APPLICATION FORM FOR A KAIMANAWA WILD HORSE(S)**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Residential Address:</b>	
<b>Postal Address:</b>	
<b>Previous Address if moved in the last 12 months:</b>	
<b>Daytime Phone No:</b>	
<b>Home Phone No:</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	

**Horse Preference:** Please tick horse option and specify how many horse(s)

- Female 5 years and over
- Female 2 to 4 years
- Female yearling
- Female foal
- Mare and Foal combination
- Male 2 to 4 years
- Male yearling
- Male Foals

What do you intend to do with the horse(s)?	

Where is the horse(s) to be kept? Please provide Rapid/Rural No. & full address	
Size of Property	
Other Stock on Property	
Is the property Owned/Leased/ Rented by You?	

Is the horse(s) to be delivered to your <b>own</b> yards? <b>IF NOT</b> please provide Rapid/Rural No. & full address	
Property owners name	
Property owners phone number	
<p>I _____ declare that the above person is known to me, and I have agreed for the extended use of my yards and property for the delivery and handling of the applicants Kaimanawa wild horse(s).</p> <p><b>Signed:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____</p>	

Please indicate the size of truck that can deliver to your yards

Truck only

Truck & Trailer Unit

Have you ever been approved as a buyer for Kaimanawa horse(s)? Yes / No

If yes, please state what year \_\_\_\_\_ and from whom \_\_\_\_\_

What experience do you have in handling unbroken horses or what access do you have to people with this experience?

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If your horse is to go directly to a training establishment to be handled or started, please advise contact details:

Name of Establishment:		
Contact Person		
Full delivery address		
Phone No:	Day:	Evening:

### Referees:

Please provide the names and phone numbers **of two referees (not a family member) qualified to verify your knowledge and ability with horses.** A KWHWT representative will phone these people.

Name:		
Address:		
Phone No:	Day:	Evening:
<p>I _____ declare that the above person is known to me, has suitable grazing, facilities and ability to care for the number of wild horse(s) requested</p> <p><b>Signed:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Please circle one</b> Veterinary Surgeon / Animal Welfare Inspector, MAF, SPCA, ILPH, KWHWT Representative, AgriQuality Livestock Consultant.</p>		

Name:		
Address:		
Phone No:	Day:	Evening:
<p>I _____ declare that the above person is known to me, has suitable grazing, facilities and ability to care for the number of wild horse(s) requested</p> <p><b>Signed:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Occupation:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Relationship to the applicant</b> _____</p>		

**I understand and accept the following terms and conditions:**

- A. I am responsible for the care and welfare of horses delivered, from the time that they are unloaded at my yards.
- B. I am not purchasing the horse(s) on behalf of another party.
- C. The number of horses delivered to me may be less than the number I have asked for.
- D. The characteristics of the horse(s) delivered to me may not match my preference.
- E. The truck driver may refuse to unload my horse(s) if he believes the facilities I have provided are unsafe for the horse(s) or the driver.
- F. I may only get less than 24 hours notice before my horse(s) is delivered.
- G. The horse(s) remain the property of the KWHWT until paid in full. I agree to pay KWHWT the balance of payment for my horse(s) within 7 days of date of delivery.
- H. The application fee is not refundable once the KWHWT has commenced processing my application. I will only be refunded if due to a shortage of mustered horses, KWHWT can not supply me with a horse.
- I. I am over 18 years of age.

**Declaration:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ declare that the above information is true and correct. I understand and accept that the KWHWT decision, whether or not to supply me with horse/s or to supply me with a lesser number of horses, which may be based on this information or any other reason, is final. I agree to a property pre-check before this application is approved. I also agree to a follow-up visit/s of any horses I received within 6 months of my receipt of the horse(s).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please return your completed & signed application form with your application fee (\$100) to:

**Kaimanawa Wild Horse Welfare Trust Inc.,  
P.O. Box 133  
Patumahoe 2344,  
Franklin.**

Applications must be received by Saturday 15 May 2010.