



# CATSKILL

## ANIMAL SANCTUARY

### Adoption FAQ

1. **What is your “adoption zone”?**

Our adoption zone includes all towns within a 2-hour drive of Saugerties, NY. We will consider adoptive homes up to 4 hours from Saugerties, NY under special circumstances.

2. **I only want one animal – do I have to adopt two?**

Farm animals are herd species and become distressed if they are the only one of their kind. Occasionally we have a rabbit or pot belly pig who would do fine as a single, but in general if you don't already have someone of the species you'd like to adopt you will need to adopt more than one.

3. **I'd like a well-trained riding horse for my child – do you have any?**

Rarely. Usually the horses who need our help need to be trained and would not be suitable for a beginner, or they cannot be ridden due to age or injury. We may be able to refer you to other organizations or to horses on our waiting list.

4. **I'm looking for a very athletic horse for jumping and competition. Are any of your horses suitable?**

It is against our adoption policy to adopt horses for competitive riding. We may be able to refer you to other organizations or to horses on our waiting list.

5. **Can I trade one of my current animals for one you have available for adoption?**

No. If your animal is having health or behavior issues we may be able to refer you to someone who can help.

6. **Do you have any milking goats or cows?**

No. Animals only produce milk (lactate) when they have a baby to feed. If we have a nursing mother arrive at CAS, her baby gets her milk. We don't breed animals here and breeding is against our adoption policy.

7. **Can I adopt animals for my petting zoo / magic act / dude ranch / egg farm?**

No. All of our adoptions are to families who agree to care for the animal for the rest of his/her natural life. We believe businesses that profit from the use of animals are almost always exploitive of the animals and subject them to undue stress and/or boredom. Because our philosophies differ so greatly, it is inappropriate to adopt animals out to “animal businesses.”

8. **Can I adopt a bunny as a classroom pet?**

No. Living in a small classroom cage, being (mis)handled by children, and being taken home for the weekend to rotating families are all highly stressful to sensitive rabbits. A social bunny might enjoy a well-supervised classroom visit as part of a humane education lesson.

9. **Do I have to be vegan to adopt from CAS? Am I allowed to eat the eggs from my hens?**

No, we don't require our adoptive families to be vegan. All families who apply for traditionally eaten species will be scrutinized. We expect that most non-vegan families who adopt hens will want to eat the eggs.

10. **I'd like to adopt an animal as a gift for my child/spouse/mother etc. Can we keep it a surprise?**

Our adoption process includes a home/barn visit and meeting all family members, so if you're adopting from CAS it won't be a surprise. Your family member might not be ready or willing to take on the long term commitment of caring for farm animals. We suggest surprising them with an animal sponsorship or visit to CAS instead to begin the discussion about adopting.