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### **Seized Horses Up for Adoption at SCRAPS**

On September 27<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service (SCRAPS) was awarded custody of twenty-three horses that had been taken as part of a seizure in West Spokane County on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. On that date, a search warrant had been executed in conjunction with an animal cruelty/neglect investigation. SCRAPS Animal Protection Officers along with a veterinarian examined the animals on the property and identified the horses that were at risk.

Currently, nine of the horses have been placed in homes through foster/rescue and three had already been returned to their original owner. The fourteen remaining horses, which include foals, mares and geldings, can now be adopted through SCRAPS. Interested individuals can apply for adoption through the following process:

- Filling out a Horse Adoption Application that is available by contacting SCRAPS.  
Website: [www.spokanecounty.org/SCRAPS](http://www.spokanecounty.org/SCRAPS)  
Email: [scraps@spokanecounty.org](mailto:scraps@spokanecounty.org)  
At the shelter: 2521 N. Flora Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99216  
Call: (509) 477-2532
- Bringing the completed applications back to SCRAPS or e-mailing it to [scraps@spokanecounty.org](mailto:scraps@spokanecounty.org).

Once applications are reviewed and approved interested individuals will be contacted by the Field Operations Manager, Nicole Montano for an appointment. An adoption fee of \$125 per horse will be required if selected.

Criminal charges, which include 21 counts of Animal Cruelty in the First Degree and five counts of Transporting or Confining an Animal in an Unsafe Manner are still pending against the defendant, Janice L. Long also known as Jan L. Hickerson, age 48.

Maximum sentence for a class C felony is 5 years confinement and/or a \$10,000 fine. Maximum sentence for a misdemeanor is 90 days confinement and/or a \$1,000 fine.

*About SCRAPS: Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service (SCRAPS) is a progressive municipal animal care and protection agency serving the unincorporated areas of Spokane County, the cities of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, Millwood, and Cheney. SCRAPS has deputized animal protection officers extensively trained to enforce animal laws and respond to emergency situations. SCRAPS is also active in educational and community outreach programs and is dedicated to its continued investment in innovative behavioral programs.*



# Horse Adoption Form

Adopter's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Single?  Married?  Children (if yes, provide ages)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the children live with you? Yes  No

What other pets or animals do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Current employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been employed there? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you and/or your household make more than \$25,000 per year? Yes  No

How long have you lived at your current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the horse be kept at your residence? Yes  No

If yes, how many other horses are on the property? \_\_\_\_\_

How many fenced acres? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the facilities including the type of fencing, barn or shelter; please include size of stall and/or shelter, and typical living arrangements (if horses predominantly live in or out, etc.):

If the horse will be boarded, please name facility:

Boarding facility address:

Boarding facility phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe (type of facility, fencing, stall size and cost of board):

**HORSE EXPERIENCE**

Have you owned a horse before? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please describe your experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own a horse(s)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you ride, what discipline do you participate in? (type of showing, pleasure, recreational riding, etc):  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been riding? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a trainer or instructor? If yes, please name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a horse you are interested in? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If no, please provide the following:

Breed preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Height range: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex Preference: Gelding \_\_\_\_ Mare \_\_\_\_ Preferred age of horse: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended use of the equine?

Pasture pet/companion animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Showing: \_\_\_\_\_ Trail riding/recreational: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide specific show discipline or any additional details: \_\_\_\_\_

Will anyone other than you be riding the horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will care for the horse while you are away? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Farrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been charged with animal cruelty or domestic violence? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please list three references, other than family members. Please provide names, addresses and telephone numbers and relationship:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that if I am approved to adopt a horse, there is a \$125.00 adoption fee.
- I understand that SCRAPS does not guarantee the behavior or disposition of any of the horses.
- I agree to allow SCRAPS, or a representative of SCRAPS to perform an on-site inspection of my property and conduct follow-up checks.
- If the horse I'm adopting is a mare, by signing this application I agree NOT TO BREED the horse.
- I certify that all information I provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_