**Referral Form**

**Herd Thyme Equine Assisted Learning and Care Farm**

Please complete and sign the following form to confirm that you

have read and agree to the following conditions:

**Referrers Details**

Name: Telephone:

Relation to RI: Email:

**Referred Individual’s (RI) Details**

Name: L.A.C Yes⬜ No⬜

D.O.B: (delete as appropriate)

Telephone Number:

Address:

**Parent/Guardian/Carer’s Details**

Name:

Relationship to RI:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Address:

**Emergency Contact #1**

Name:

Relationship to RI:

Telephone Number:

**Emergency Contact #2**

Name:

Relationship to RI:

Telephone Number:

**Referred Individuals Background History**

To conform to our health and safety, safeguarding and risk assessment policies, we appreciate you sharing information in the following areas.

Please *tick* if any are relevant and provide details below:

⬜ Race:

⬜ Gender:

⬜ Sexuality:

⬜ Disability:

⬜ Physical Health:

⬜ Mental Health:

⬜ Immigration Status:

⬜ Religious Beliefs:

⬜ Substance Misuse:

⬜ Education History:

⬜ Family Situation:

⬜ Living Accommodation:

⬜ Criminal Record:

Have any members been suspected or convicted of sex offenses, domestic violence, physical/emotional abuse or other violent crimes?

Please give relevant details:

**Is RI on any medication or receiving other medical treatment?**

**Child Services Details** (if applicable)

Is this person known to child services?

Please *tick*:

⬜ Yes

⬜ No

⬜ Not Known

If *yes* please give details below:

**Education Details**

What best describes this person's current educational situation:

⬜ Mainstream (please add name of school below if applicable)

⬜ Specialist

⬜ Excluded

⬜ Home Tuition

⬜ Referral Unit

⬜ Other

Please give further details below including hours spent in education:

**Offending History/Court Orders/Court Proceedings**

Please comment if applicable:

Potential trigger factors:

Risks (e.g self harm, running away etc):

What other future plans for the RI:

Please explain why you are referring this individual:

Has Herd Thyme been discussed and consent given by the RI

*(Under 16 Parental/Guardian consent)* to attend?

⬜ Yes

⬜ No

What would the RI like to get from their Herd Thyme sessions:

Further information you would like us to consider:

**Other Services**

Please give details of other services involved in RI’s care that will benefit from the information gained during Herd Thyme sessions:

Please note that this form must be signed and completed before the first session can commence.

**Confirm and Consent to Share Information**

**Consent agreed.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We are happy to refer to a CAF should there be one available.

**First Aid**

I authorize staff at Herd Thyme who are all qualified First Aiders to give the RI first aid/CPR when appropriate.

I understand that every effort will be made to contact me in the event of an emergency requiring medical attention for the RI. However, if I cannot be reached, I hereby authorize Herd Thyme to call emergency services to secure necessary medical treatments to the RI.

*Referred Individual*

*Name:*

*Date of Birth:*

*Parent/Guardian/Carer*

Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

**Photos**

Please *tick* the appropriate box if you give permission for Herd Thyme to take photographs for use on

Website Yes ⬜ No ⬜

Herd Thyme Facebook page Yes ⬜ No ⬜

Reports to School/Home Yes ⬜ No ⬜

**What to expect at Herd Thyme,**

**Activities & Safety Information**

**For Parent/Carer on arrival at Herd Thyme**

1. Please be aware Herd Thyme is part of a working farm and therefore has large machinery in operation throughout the day.

1.1. Please park at the designated area for drop off and collection and wait at the gate for a member of staff to greet you.

On ***NO*** account leave your **Referred Individual (RI)** unattended.

1.2. Should you wish to remain on site during your child/adult’s session a member of staff will direct you to a suitable parking

space.

**Protective Attire**

1. Please wear hard soled, fully enclosed footwear and socks to protect feet, and long trousers to protect legs while working around and interacting with horses.

1.1. In order to ride horses comfortably please wear loose or stretchy trousers

i.e. tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

**Activities**

Activities at Herd Thyme include:

Bareback Horse Riding

Woodworking

Gardening

Obstacle Course

Yoga

Arts & Crafts

Bush Crafts

Pond Dipping & Paddling

If you have concerns about any of these activities, please let us know below:

**The Nature & Physical Character of the Horses**

It is important to understand that their survival instincts are what have allowed the horses to survive from prehistoric times to present day.

The following information has been collated for your safety.

Please do not be alarmed when you read this, it is only intended to give useful information.

1. I am advised that horses have minds of their own, as do all animals both domestic and wild. The horse can sense and respond to how I am feeling.

2. I am advised that when a horse is frightened, angry, under stress or feels threatened it is the horse's instinct to move forward or sideways to run away from danger towards safety.

1. I am advised that if a horse feels threatened from behind (usually when unable to move freely) the horse may kick.

2. I am advised that a human must always approach a horse calmly and quietly, preferably to the horse’s shoulder or lower neck.

3. I am advised that loud and/or sudden unexpected movements near a horse can provoke them to react according to natural protective instincts as described above.

4. I am advised that the first signs of the horse communicating that he/she is uncomfortable is a sudden tensing of the muscles of the body, possibly laying the ears flat back against the head and quickly tossing or raising the head.

I understand that the facilitator will manage the situation if required.

5. I am advised that a horse can see independently with each eye actually looking

in one direction with one eye and another direction with the other eye. The horse can also focus both eyes on one object somewhere in front of him/her. Typically the direction in which the ear is pointing will tell the observer where the eye is

looking on the same side and what the horse is listening to.

6. I am advised that a horse has two blind areas around which he/she cannot see. Those areas are directly behind the horse and directly in front. When a horse has his/her head lowered to the ground, the spot directly at the end of the nostrils is a blind area. This is the reason it is best to approach a horse from the side and never to surprise a horse from the rear or to reach first for the horse's mouth/muzzle area.

7. Because of the position of the horse’s eyes it is hard for them to see our feet when we stand close to them, I am advised to be aware of this

On completion please scan and email back to [herdthyme@gmail.com](mailto:herdthyme@gmail.com) or bring to first session and hand in to:

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Crofton,

Marlborough,

SN8 3DW

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Thank you for taking the time and we look forward to working with you.