



# KAIMANAWA HERITAGE HORSES

## Buying a Wild Kaimanawa Horse Direct From the Muster

The approximate date of the muster is the end of April, whenever the weather conditions are favourable.

If you think you would like to get a Kaimanawa Wild Horse from the muster you need to carefully consider the following information. We have endeavoured to make this information complete and concise, both for your benefit and the horses'. Should you have any concerns or queries please contact us.

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, undergo a home inspection, and pay an application fee**

## Muster

The 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 and which will be slaughtered. Therefore, until this point is reached Kaimanawa Heritage Horses (KHH) does not know what horses will be available for re-homing. Because KHH does not get to choose what horses we are able to offer, we do our best to allocate the horses provided to us to the applicants. The end result of this is that KHH cannot guarantee to supply you with the type of horse you request, or possibly (in the worst case) even supply a horse at all. Ages of horses are only approximate due to drafting procedures and are based on appearance.

## Transport

DoC will transport the Kaimanawa Wild Horses from the muster yards to a distribution point. Transport to your yards will be arranged for you by KHH (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, letterbox colours, anything that will help the truck driver find you easily. Please be aware that due to the time of year it is most likely to be wet and muddy, and a truck needs to be able to get to the loading ramp, turn around, and get back on the road without getting bogged in your paddock.

The truck driver may refuse to unload the horses if he believes the facilities provided are unsafe for the horses, driver, or the truck.

## Feed, Facilities and Training

You will need good strong cattle yards and a loading ramp with a minimum height of at least 1.8 metres. Sheep yards are **NOT** suitable as these horses can and will jump.

Grass, 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 KHH 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 are likely to 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.

KHH will not transport unhandled horses to the South Island for safety and welfare reasons. Handled horses are able to be transported to the South Island.

KHH may be able to assist you with arrangements to have your new Kaimanawa handled by a third and independent party at your cost if required. Your horses will be delivered direct to the handler. KHH recommend basic skills should be taught such as: catch, halter, lead and tie, pick up feet, and load. KHH will not be liable for the actions or costs of horse trainers or transport companies.

Horse must NEVER be tethered.

## Stallions / Castration

Young stallions and colts should be gelded as soon as they have been handled enough to be able to undergo this operation. Gelding must be done by a qualified 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 as soon as possible, because entire male horses can be unpredictable and dangerous.

KHH does not condone breeding of your Kaimanawa while there are unplaced horses from the muster being sent to slaughter. KHH offers a rebate of \$75 on receipt of a veterinary certificate for every mustered horse you have castrated, only after the full payment of your horses and transport has been received.

## Worms

These horses have high worm burdens and may be lice-infested when captured. KHH 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 because your horse will still be carrying a heavy worm burden. Please check for lice and treat if necessary.

## Costs

The price of the first horse is \$250, and additional horses are \$220 each. Mare and Foal combinations are a special price of \$400 for the first pair, and \$370 for additional pairs. These prices include one year KHH membership and horse registration. You will get a \$75 gelding rebate on receipt of a veterinary certificate.

Transport costs are dependent on distance, time, and numbers. Costs are either payable directly to the transport company, or to KHH. Expect to spend upwards of \$150 per horse, depending on location within the North Island.

The application fee is \$100 and **must** accompany your application for it to be considered. This fee will be deducted from the purchase price of the horse. The application fee is not refundable once KHH has commenced processing your application. It will only be refunded if, due to a shortage of mustered horses, KHH cannot supply you with a horse.

The balance of payment for your horses is due within 7 days of date of invoice of the horses.

The horses remain the property of the Kaimanawa Heritage Horse Welfare Society until paid for in full, including transport costs payable to KHH. Should you decide not to pay for your horses, KHH reserves the right to uplift the horses supplied to you and to recover from you any costs of debt collection incurred by non-payment of your account. **Please note, all prices are GST inclusive.**

## About KHH

Kaimanawa Horses are a unique part of New Zealand's colonial heritage. They are small but strong and sturdy horses, good doers, with loads of intelligence and personality. Kaimanawas domesticate well and become very loyal family members. KHH is a registered charity run solely by committed volunteers. All funds are spent in the care and promotion of the Kaimanawa Wild Horses.

If you have any questions regarding your application please contact:

[muster@KaimanawaHeritageHorses.org](mailto:muster@KaimanawaHeritageHorses.org)

Or phone:

Marilyn 021 933 129 - Auckland Area

Michele 027-431-8082 - Waikato Area

If you have questions or would like advice on caring for, or working with, your Kaimanawa horse, then please call Michele or Marilyn, or contact us at:

[info@KaimanawaHeritageHorses.org](mailto:info@KaimanawaHeritageHorses.org)

KHH has area representatives that we can put you in touch with.

Applications must be received by the 1st April 2021 to enable us to fully process your application, contact your referees, and perform a property inspection.



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## Application Form for Mustered Kaimanawa Wild Horses

### 1 - Your Contact Details

Date:

Name		
Residential Address		
Postal Address		
Previous Address if moved in last 12 months		
Daytime Phone	Home Phone:	
Mobile Phone		
Email Address		
Occupation	Date of Birth:	
Bank Acc details for any refund due		

### 2 - Horse Preference

Please tick horse option and specify **how many** horses.

**NB:** *It is very difficult to age horses when they are mustered, so ages will be approximate.*

- | Category                  | ✓                        | Number of horses |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Female mature             | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Female 2 years            | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Female yearling           | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Female foal               | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Mare and foal combination | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Male mature               | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Male 2 years              | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Male yearling             | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |
| Male foal                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____            |

What do you intend to do with the horses?	

### 3 - Your Property

Complete this section even if your horse will be delivered to an alternative address (section 3b).

Where are the horses to be kept? Please provide Rapid/Rural number and full address	
Size of property	
Other stock on property	
Is the property Owned / Leased / Rented by you?	

### 3b - Alternative Delivery

If the horse is to be delivered to a different property then fill in this section and get the property owner to sign the declaration.

Alternative delivery address. Please provide Rapid/Rural number and full address.	
Property owner name	
Property owner phone number	
Property owner declaration	
<p>I _____ (print name) declare that the above person is known to me, and I have agreed to the extended use of my yards and property for the delivery and handling of the applicants Kaimanawa wild horses. I understand that the terms and conditions below also apply to me.</p>	
<p><b>Signed</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____</p>	

### 3c - Truck Access

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

Truck only       Truck and Trailer Unit

### 4 - Your Experience Level

Have you previously been approved as a buyer for Kaimanawa horses?      YES / NO (circle one)

If yes, please state the year \_\_\_\_\_ and from which agency (e.g. from KHH) \_\_\_\_\_

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 then advise their contact details here and complete section 3b above:

Name of Establishment	
Contact Person	
Phone Number	Day: _____ Evening: _____

## 5 - 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 KHH representative will phone these people.

### Referee 1

Name		
Address		
Phone Number	Day:	Evening:
<p>I _____ (print name) declare that the above person is known to me, has suitable grazing, facilities, and ability to care for the number of wild horses requested.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p> <p><b>Please circle relationship to applicant:</b> Veterinary Surgeon / Animal Welfare Inspector / MAF / SPCA / KHH Area Representative / AgriQuality Livestock Consultant.</p>		

### Referee 2

Name		
Address		
Phone Number	Day:	Evening:
<p>I _____ (print name) declare that the above person is known to me, has suitable grazing, facilities, and ability to care for the number of wild horses requested.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Occupation: _____</p> <p>Relationship to Applicant: _____</p> <p>_____</p>		

How did you hear about the Musters?	
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## 6 - Terms and Conditions

Please read the following terms and conditions and sign the declaration below

- 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. I consent to a KHH Area Representative inspecting the property and home the horse(s) will be delivered to prior to application acceptance, and to conduct final home checks. Any concerns raised which require an intermediary welfare check from an area rep will be given 24 hours-notice.
- D. The number of horses delivered to me may be less than the number I have asked for.
- E. The characteristics / age of the horse(s) delivered to me may not match my preference.
- F. 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.
- G. I may get less than 24 hours' notice before my horse(s) are delivered.
- H. The horse(s) remain the property of KHH until paid for in full, including transportation costs payable to KHH. I agree to pay KHH the balance of payment for my horse(s) and transportation within 7 days of date of invoice, and any debt collection costs arising from my failure to pay by the required date.
- I. The application fee is not refundable once KHH has commenced processing my application. It will only be refunded if, due to a shortage of mustered horses, KHH cannot supply me with a horse.
- J. I am over 18 years of age.
- K. I understand that on delivery of the horse(s) he/she is my responsibility. On receipt of full payment and final acceptable welfare check (please refer to KHH Welfare policy), full ownership will be passed over to me.

## 7 - Declaration

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) declare that the above information supplied by me is true and correct. I understand and accept the terms and conditions in this application. I understand and accept that the KHH decision of whether or not to supply me with horses 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 follow-up visits of any horses I received within 6 months of my receipt of the horse(s).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this **completed and signed** application form with your **application fee** of \$100 to:

Kaimanawa Heritage Horse Welfare Society  
P.O. Box 133  
Patumahoe 2344  
Auckland

Payment can be made by direct payment to our bank account **12-3107-0020865-50** using 'your name' and 'Muster' as reference.

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Thank you for helping the Kaimanawa Horses