

Horse Boarding Agreement

This Horse Boarding Agreement is made and entered into on this ___ day of _____ 20___, by _____ and between Ridgewood Farm (hereinafter referred to as “the farm”), and:

1. Owner: _____

Year of Birth (minors only): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Owner’s Medical Conditions/Allergies (if any): _____

(Hereinafter referred to as “the Owner” of the Horse described in Item 2 – Description of the Horse)

In Case of Emergency Contact

Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

2. Description of the Horse

Name: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____

Breed/Colour Marking: _____

Vet Name: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Farrier Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Hereinafter referred to as “the Horse”.)

SPECIAL NOTES/INSTRUCTIONS

i.e. :Pre-existing/pre-disposed conditions (such as founder/laminitis, Syndrome X or other metabolic conditions, gastric or colonic ulcers, heaves (COPD), Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP), tying up, colic, allergies/intolerances, etc.

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3. BOARDING TERMS

3.1 – Horse Board ® INDOOR Basic- at a rate of \$845 + hst per month, on a monthly basis, Training Board is a rate of \$1075 + hst per month. Training board allows up to 2 lessons per week. The coach will determine which type of lesson i.e.) Semi-private or Group. Board payment is to be received in advance of the start of the Boarding Agreement and no later than the FIRST DAY of the month for each subsequent month (payable by cheque, email money transfer or cash). **LATE CHARGE:** Owner understands that if any payment is not received by the 5th day of any month, a late fee will continue to be charged at a rate of \$10.00 per day that the account is in arrears.

NSF or other returned cheque will result in a \$50.00 charge per occurrence. From time to time, the board rate may change. The Farm will provide written notice of board rate changes to the Owner and will post notices on the Farm premises at least sixty (60) days prior to the board rate change coming into effect.

3.2 Description of Board. Indoor board consists of a box stall in the barn and daily turnout to a small, medium, or large paddock and/or pasture as determined by the Horse's temperament and needs, and at the discretion of the Farm. The Horse will be turned out with other horses of compatible temperaments and needs. Should the needs of the Horse change, the Horse may be moved to a paddock that is more suitable. If a Horse needs individual turn out that will be accommodated by the Farm. The stall will be mucked once daily, and the bedding replaced as needed. The stall has rubber matting and will be bedded with ample bedding for the health and comfort of the Horse; should the Owner prefer more bedding, there will be an associated monthly fee due to the increased material and labour costs.

3.3 Outdoor Board. Outdoor board will consist of living outside 24/7 in a paddock with access to unlimited hay and water. This board will include 1 scoop of grain and 1 scoop of beat pulp per day at the afternoon feed. Hay Cubes are not included in outdoor board, either is blanketing services or supplements. No show horses will be allowed to have outdoor board. Outdoor board will be at a rate of \$510 + hst per month. If you wish you include a month of group lessons, a special bundled rate of \$745 + hst will be offered for both outdoor board and the lessons.

4. ADDITIONAL SERVICES. Requests for Additional Services are to be made to the Farm.

5. CARE & FEED. The Farm agrees to provide normal and reasonable care to maintain the health and well-being of the Horse.

5.1- Feed Quality. The Owner is responsible for checking the feed (hay and/or grain) being used and satisfying himself/herself that the feed is acceptable for his/her horse prior to signing the Boarding Agreement. The Owner acknowledges that the feed provided may change due to changes in supplier or quality of the growing season, however the Farm will always strive to provide high quality feed.

5.2– Hay. Hay is provided to the Horse at the standard rate of approximately 1 - 2% of the Horse's body weight per day, depending on the Horse's individual needs. The Horse will be fed a total of three feedings daily if on indoor board.

5.3 – Supplemental Feeding. The Horses may be fed, by the Farm, concentrates (grains, pellets, cubes) and/or supplements/medications, all of which are to be provided by the owner, up to two times per day if on indoor board. The Owner may choose to have the Horse fed additional feedings by the Farm for an additional fee.

5.4 – No one but staff and authorized personnel is to touch any feed/grain and or hay. Shavings and all food are only to be given by staff. If you have any extra requests please see Tyler or Michelle.

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6. FACILITIES

6.1 – Farm Hours. Year Round Hours: 8:00 AM till 9:00PM (Mon-Fri) & 8:00 AM till 7:00 PM (Sat & Sun). Farm Closure: Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Notice will be posted in the barn prior. If the Owner needs to be at the Farm outside of the regular hours (such as if you are preparing for a show or clinic or if your horse is injured or sick), the Farm staff must be notified in advance. Please note: The Farm Hours are in place to give all of the horses residing at the Farm ample time for rest and relaxation as well as to make sure the Farm is safe and secure.

6.2 – Facilities Usage. The Owner has full use of the facilities including the following: · Use of the barn aisles/grooming stalls for grooming/tacking up the Horse; · Use of the indoor and outdoor arenas, including the viewing boxes; · Use of Boarders’ Tack Room for storage of gear. · Use of training equipment in the rings – as long as it is returned as found; · Use of the land for trail riding so long as all gates are kept closed and riding is kept to the edges of all fields. The facilities are to be kept neat and tidy at all times. If the Owner makes a mess, it must be cleaned up before going home for the day. Ample manure buckets, garbage cans, and recycle bins are provided for this purpose.

6.3 – Please note by agreeing to board at this facility you are agreeing to follow the system that Tyler Reeve runs Ridgewood Farm by.

7. PERSONAL BELONGINGS

7.1 – Storage of Belongings. The Owner will be entitled to one tack locker per horse being boarded for storage of tack and equipment. The Tack room must be kept in a neat and orderly fashion. Tack and/or equipment should not be left out in the aisle ways after the boarders have left for the day; the exception to this is halters.

7.2 – Respect of Personal Belongings. Boarders do not have the right to use other boarders’ tack and equipment or feed without permission of the owner. Stealing from the Farm or from other boarders will not be tolerated and will result in termination of this Agreement.

7.3 – Risk of Loss. All tack and equipment of the Owner kept on the Farm premises shall be at the sole risk of the Owner; the Owner assumes all responsibility for insuring their tack and equipment while on the Farm premises.

8. HORSE HEALTH

8.1 – Veterinary Records & Vaccines. Upon arrival of the Horse to the Farm, the Owner must present current veterinary records for the Horse proving that the Horse is up to date with all vaccines required for residency at the Farm, as stated below:

Ridgewood Farm Mandatory Vaccine	Frequency	Date Administered
Tetanus	Annually	
Eastern/Western Equine Encephalitis	Annually	
Rabies	Annually	
West Nile Virus	Annually	
Strangles	Annually	
Equine Influenza & Equine Herpes Virus 1 & 4 (Rhino/Flu)	Semi-Annually	

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8.2 – Vaccination & Worming Programs. While the Horse is boarded at the Farm, the Owner must enlist the Horse in regular vaccination and hoof-care schedules. Proof of vaccination must be shown to the Barn Manager, unless the Horse is vaccinated at the Farm’s Annual Vaccination Clinics. The Farm will vaccinate annually in the Spring and Fall (Rhino/Flu). Benefits include a reduced veterinary call fee. Deworming at Ridgewood Farm is done by Tyler and the cost will be added to the board rate. Deworming will be done every 3 months.

8.3 – Veterinary & Farrier Services

- A. The Owner agrees to arrange for all veterinary and farrier services required for the health and well-being of the Horse; all veterinary and farrier services are at the expense and the responsibility of the Owner.
- B. The Farm uses the services of McKee Pownall Veterinary Services. The Owner may use whichever veterinarian and farrier he/she chooses or may use the regular veterinarian and farrier that the Farm uses.

8.4 – Emergency Care of the Horse

In the event of an emergency, the Farm will make every attempt to contact the Owner first, before a veterinarian/farrier is called; if the Owner cannot be reached and the situation is critical, the Farm will contact the Owner’s veterinarian/farrier for emergency treatment. If the Owner’s veterinarian/farrier cannot be reached in an emergency, the Farm will secure the emergency veterinary/farrier treatment required for the health and well-being of the Horse. All costs of such care secured shall be invoiced to the Owner as an additional expense.

9. LESSONS, CLINICS, & SHOWS. Outside Use of Facilities. On rare occasions, the Farm may host and/or rent the facilities for events and equestrian competitions that may use some or all of the facilities. This may cause minor disruptions to normal access to the facility during these events.

10. VISITORS. Should the Owner bring any guests to the Farm, they must ensure they are informed of and follow all of the Farm Rules and Regulations, sign a Riding Waiver (prior to riding), and wear proper footwear and a horse-riding helmet when mounted. The Owner is responsible for the safety and actions of his/her guests while at the Farm. Guests should never be left unsupervised at the Farm. If the Owner has made arrangements for an outside party to ride and/or visit the Horse in their absence, prior notice must be given to the Farm.

11. RIGHT OF LIEN. The Owner or agent(s) of the Horse shall be jointly and severally liable for all sums due hereunder to the Farm. The Owner is put on notice that the Farm has right of lien, as set forth under the Innkeepers Act of Ontario and any other applicable legislation in Ontario for the amount due for the board and keep of the Horse and shall have the right to retain the Horse until the amount due of such indebtedness is discharged. The Farm shall be authorized to proceed by lien and lien foreclosure, sale, legal action or otherwise in order to collect the same, or any combination of the above. Upon sale of the Horse, the Owner and/or agent of the Horse shall be responsible and liable for any deficiency in unpaid sums.

12. AGREEMENTS. The Owner and the Farm agree as follows:

- A. The Owner agrees to abide by and conform to all Farm Rules and Regulations as determined and posted from time to time by the Farm
- B. The Owner agrees to execute the Farm’s Agreement for Release and Waiver (Riding Waiver) PRIOR TO RIDING.

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- C. The Owner agrees to wear correct fitting and proper headgear and footwear and acknowledges that the Farm requires a CSA approved horse-riding helmet be worn at all times while mounted. No bicycle helmets.
- D. The Owner agrees to take full responsibility for any damage he/she and/or the Horse, and/or any of his/her guests causes to any Farm equipment, buildings, fencing, golf cart, property, etc., except where reasonable use and/or normal wear and tear are the principle reasons for the damage.
- E. The Owner agrees to hold the Farm, its agents and/or employees completely harmless and not liable for any death or injury whatsoever caused to the Owner, the Horse, and/or any loss or damage to any personal property.
- F. The Owner agrees to not hold the Farm liable for any sickness, disease, astray, theft, death, or injury which may be suffered by the Horse or any other cause of action whatsoever arising out of or connected in any way with the boarding of the Horse. This includes, but is not limited to, any personal injury or disability the Horse may receive on the Farm premises.
- G. Should the Owner desire the Farm to release the Horse to any third party, the Owner agrees to provide the Farm his/her written consent to such a release prior to the Farm giving possession of the Horse to a third party.
- H. The Owner agrees to make the Farm aware in advance if the Owner is temporarily removing the horse from the premises for any reason (lesson, clinic, show, equine professional appointment, etc.).

13. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT. A notice period of 30 days from the first of each month, is required to terminate this Boarding Agreement whether the Horse is owned or leased. The Horse may not leave the Farm until the account is paid in full. If the Owner chooses to remove the Horse from the Farm in advance of month end, no refund will be given from the Farm for remaining days in the month. Please note: Ridgewood Farm reserves the right to terminate this Boarding Agreement at any time if the circumstance warrants it (ie. if the Owner is consistently in violation of any part of this Boarding Agreement or if the Horse is deemed dangerous or undesirable for a boarding facility, etc.). In such a case, the Owner is responsible for removing the Horse and for all fees incurred during the Horse's stay at the Farm. Such a decision will be made at the discretion of the Farm Owners and Management.

14. SIGNATURES. This Boarding Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and there are no further agreements or promises, verbal or implied, unless specifically stated herein. When the Farm and the Owner, and/or the Owner's parent/legal guardian (if the Owner is a minor), sign this Agreement, it will be binding on both parties subject to the above terms and conditions.

PLEASE NOTE: signing this agreement indicates that you have read it in full, understand it, and agree to its terms.

Owner (or Parent/Guardian of Owner): _____

Date: _____

Ridgewood Farm: _____

Date: _____

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