

HORSE BOARDING AGREEMENT

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This Horse Boarding Agreement (this "**Agreement**") is entered into as of [DATE] by and between:

[STABLE LEGAL NAME], a [STATE] [ENTITY TYPE, e.g. limited liability company] operating a boarding stable at [STABLE ADDRESS] ("Stable," "we," or "us"); and

[OWNER NAME], residing at [ADDRESS] ("Owner" or "you"), the owner or authorized agent of the horse(s) described below (each a "Horse").

The Stable and the Owner are each a "Party" and together the "Parties."

Horse details: Name [HORSE NAME]; breed [BREED]; sex/age [SEX/AGE]; color/markings [DESCRIPTION]; registration/microchip [NUMBER, IF ANY].

Recitals. The Owner wishes to board the Horse at the Stable, and the Stable agrees to provide boarding and related care, on the terms below. Equine activities carry inherent risks, and this Agreement allocates those risks between the Parties. In consideration of the mutual promises in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows.

1. Boarding Level and Services

1.1 Board type. The Stable will provide [FULL-CARE STALL BOARD / PASTURE BOARD / PARTIAL BOARD / SELF-CARE] boarding for the Horse, beginning [START DATE].

1.2 Standard care. Full-care and partial-care boarding includes: [STALL OR PASTURE ASSIGNMENT, DAILY FEEDING OF [TYPE/AMOUNT OF HAY/GRAIN], FRESH WATER, TURN-OUT [SCHEDULE], STALL CLEANING, AND BLANKETING AS DIRECTED], as specified for the elected board type.

1.3 Facilities. The Owner may use the following facilities subject to Stable rules: [ARENA, ROUND PEN, TRAILS, WASH RACK, TACK ROOM, ETC.].

1.4 Owner-supplied items. The Owner is responsible for providing [SUPPLEMENTS, SPECIAL FEED, TACK, BLANKETS, FLY GEAR, AND OTHER PERSONAL EQUIPMENT], unless the Parties agree otherwise.

1.5 Authority of signer. The Owner represents that they own the Horse or are authorized to board it and to bind the owner to this Agreement.

2. Board Fees and Payment

2.1 Monthly board. The Owner will pay board of [\$AMOUNT] per month, due in advance on the [DAY] of each month, plus a one-time intake fee of [\$AMOUNT] if applicable.

2.2 Additional charges. Optional and as-needed services are billed separately: [FARRIER COORDINATION, BLANKET CHANGES, HOLDING FOR VET/FARRIER, EXTRA FEED, TURN-OUT CHANGES, LESSONS, TRAILERING] at the Stable's posted rates.

2.3 Late and returned payments. Board unpaid by **[NUMBER]** days after its due date accrues a late fee of **[\$AMOUNT OR %]** to the extent permitted by applicable law. A returned or declined payment incurs a fee of **[\$AMOUNT]**.

2.4 Stableman's/agister's lien. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Stable may assert a lien on the Horse and the Owner's tack and equipment on the premises for unpaid board and care, and may enforce that lien through the process applicable local law requires. The Owner should review local lien and notice requirements with counsel.

3. Veterinary Care, Farrier, and Emergencies

3.1 Routine care responsibility. The Owner is responsible for arranging and paying for routine veterinary care, vaccinations, deworming, dental, and farrier work, on the following schedule: **[DETAILS]**.

3.2 Vaccination and health requirements. The Owner certifies the Horse is current on vaccinations and has a negative Coggins test dated **[DATE]**, and will provide proof. The Stable may refuse or isolate a Horse lacking required health documentation.

3.3 Emergency authorization. If the Horse becomes ill or injured and the Owner cannot be promptly reached, the Owner authorizes the Stable to summon a veterinarian and to authorize treatment, in the Stable's reasonable judgment, up to an estimated cost of **[\$AMOUNT]**, at the Owner's expense.

3.4 Preferred providers and emergency contact. Veterinarian: **[NAME, PHONE]**. Farrier: **[NAME, PHONE]**. Emergency contact authorized to make decisions: **[NAME, RELATIONSHIP, PHONE]**.

3.5 Cost responsibility. All veterinary, farrier, medication, and related costs are the Owner's responsibility, except to the extent caused by the Stable's negligence or misconduct.

4. Feed, Stable Management, and Rules

4.1 Feeding program. The Stable will follow the feeding program in Section 1.2 and the Owner's reasonable instructions. Changes to feed, supplements, or turn-out must be communicated in writing.

4.2 Management discretion. For the safety of the Horse and the herd, the Stable may make reasonable day-to-day management decisions, including temporary turn-out, stall, or grouping changes, and will notify the Owner of significant changes.

4.3 House rules. The Owner, and the Owner's guests, trainers, and farrier, will follow the Stable's posted rules, hours, and safety requirements, which are incorporated by reference. The Owner is responsible for the conduct of their guests and service providers.

4.4 Guests and helmets. All riders **[MUST / ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO]** wear an approved helmet. Minors must be supervised by a responsible adult while on the premises.

5. Equine Activity Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity

5.1 Inherent risks of equine activities. The Owner understands that equine activities are inherently dangerous and that horses can behave unpredictably and cause serious injury or death. Many jurisdictions have an equine activity liability statute that limits a stable's liability for these inherent risks; the Parties intend to take the benefit of any such applicable law.

5.2 Assumption of risk. The Owner voluntarily assumes the inherent risks of boarding and equine activities for the Owner, the Owner's guests, and the Horse.

5.3 Release. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Owner releases the Stable, its owners, and staff from liability for injury, illness, loss, or death of the Horse, and for injury to the Owner and the Owner's guests, arising from the inherent risks of equine activities and ordinary boarding. This release does **not** apply to the Stable's gross negligence or willful misconduct, or to any liability that cannot be released under applicable law.

5.4 Posted warning. The Owner acknowledges that any equine-activity warning sign or notice required by applicable local law and posted at the Stable is incorporated by reference, and that statutory warning language varies by jurisdiction.

5.5 Indemnification. The Owner will indemnify the Stable against claims arising from the Horse's behavior or the acts of the Owner, the Owner's guests, trainers, or service providers, except to the extent caused by the Stable's negligence or misconduct.

6. Insurance and Property

6.1 Owner insurance. The Stable recommends that the Owner maintain mortality, major medical, and personal liability insurance for the Horse. The Owner is responsible for insuring the Horse and the Owner's personal property.

6.2 Stable insurance. The Stable maintains **[GENERAL LIABILITY / CARE-CUSTODY- AND-CONTROL]** coverage of **[\$AMOUNT]**; this disclosure does not expand the liability limits in Section 5.

6.3 Personal property. Tack, blankets, and equipment are stored at the Owner's risk. The Stable is not responsible for theft of or damage to the Owner's property except to the extent caused by the Stable's negligence or misconduct.

7. Term, Termination, and General Provisions

7.1 Term. This Agreement begins on the start date and continues month-to-month until terminated under this Section.

7.2 Termination. Either Party may terminate on **[NUMBER, e.g. 30]** days' written notice. Board is charged through the end of the notice period.

7.3 Removal on termination. The Owner will remove the Horse and the Owner's property by the end of the notice period. Board and care continue to accrue until removal, and the Stable's lien rights in Section 2.4 continue to apply.

7.4 Communications. The Owner consents to receive care, scheduling, and billing communications from the Stable by phone, email, or text.

7.5 Governing law and venue. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of **[STATE]**, without regard to its conflict-of-laws rules. The Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in **[COUNTY, STATE]**.

7.6 Entire agreement; amendment. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the Parties on its subject and supersedes prior discussions. It may be amended only by a writing signed by both Parties.

7.7 Severability and waiver. If any provision is unenforceable, the rest remains in effect, and an unenforceable release will be enforced to the greatest extent allowed by law. A Party's failure to enforce a provision is not a waiver.

7.8 **Counterparts and electronic signature.** This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and by electronic signature, each of which is an original and all of which together form one agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above. The Owner acknowledges having read and understood the equine activity risk, assumption of risk, and release in Section 5.

STABLE	OWNER (OR AUTHORIZED AGENT)
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Printed name: [NAME]	Printed name: [NAME]
Title: [TITLE]	Title: [OWNER / AUTHORIZED AGENT]
Date: _____	Date: _____

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