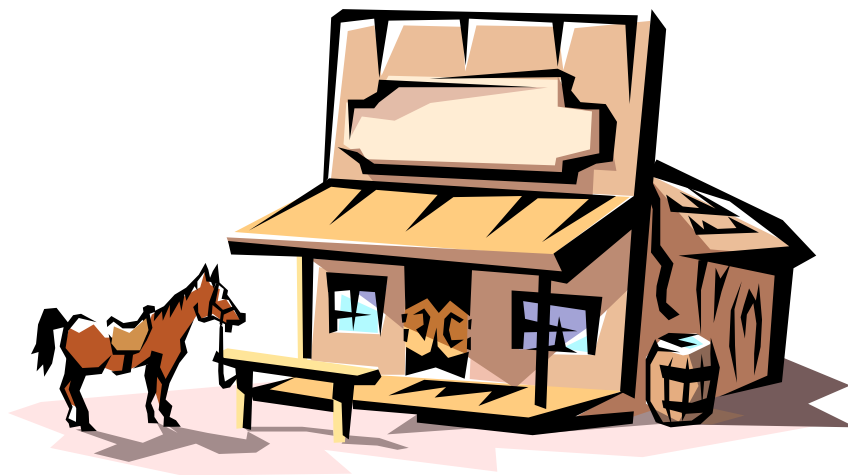


# Sundance **RIDING STABLES**

## Boarder Handbook



October 2023

## **When You Arrive**

All horses arriving for the first time on Sundance Riding Stables property must have:

- Negative Coggins test within 12 months
- Current vaccinations
- Health Certificate within 30 days.

**Before your horse can be unloaded, we must have a signed boarder contract, the required health paper work, and first month's payment.**

We also require that all horses receive regular de-worming medication, which is included in your board payment. The de-worming will be done by our staff unless otherwise requested.

We require yearly vaccinations which can be given by our staff at a reduced rate in April each year or by your own vet. Proof of vaccines must be submitted to the office no later than April 15 each year. The minimum vaccines required are West Nile + 2-way Sleeping Sickness + Tetanus + Flu + Rhino. We strongly recommend Potomac and Rabies as well. The vaccines that we administer each year are Vetera Gold XP (6 way) and Potomac+Imrab (Potomac and rabies).

Board must be paid on the 1st or the 15th of every month and you have a ten-day grace period before a \$25 late fee is assessed. For every 30 days that board is late there will be an additional 5% interest charge applied, as agreed upon in the contract.

## Property Expectations

- Boarder hours are from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM seven days a week.
- Gates will be locked out side of Boarder hours. If you need to access your horse outside of these hours, please make arrangements with the stable manager in advance.
- **All** boarders and their **guests** must sign a liability form prior to participating in any activity on the property.
- The front office is open during the operating hours of the stables only. Any payment or other important documents may be placed in the locked box near the side door. Bathrooms for off-hours are located near the indoor arena, or in the winter, there are portables in/near the arena.
- Please Park your vehicle **behind** the boarder barn, not in front of the boarder barn. Do not park inside any of the barns on the property. The front parking lot is reserved for stable public customers.
- All horse trailers must be parked along the fence line behind the boarder barn. See Julie for details.
- Please do not drive or park on any grassy areat to prevent damage.
- Boarders have access to the entire Sundance Riding Stables property, including arenas. Occasionally scheduled activities will prevent use of facilities by the boarders. We will try to post those activities.
- Boarders should not use the arena or outdoor corral when a lesson is being given or when camps are in session, without permission from the instructor.
- Drive slowly! Sundance is a busy place with small animals, children, people and horses that walk the property often.
- Everywhere: If a door is closed, and you open it, then **close it again**. If a light is off and you turn it on, **turn it off again**. If a gate is closed and you open it, then **close it** behind yourself. Thank-you!
- There are various ponds on the property, none of which designated for the horses. Swimming horses on our property is **prohibited**.
- Walking horses through the man doors is **prohibited**. Horses entering Indoor **MUST** walk through the sliding barn doors.
- All arena gates should be closed and latched properly to ensure gravity does not cause them to sag over time.
- No horses through the man doors of the arena, you must use the sliding doors.

## Barn Expectations

Our intention is that boarders take ownership of the boarder barn and treat it accordingly.

- Tack room space is limited and is allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Please make room for all new boarders as needed.
- Please store all of your equipment neatly and keep it together.
- Label all of your buckets, scoops and other items to avoid confusion.
- Please sweep the tack room floor as needed.
- After tying your horse in the boarder barn, please scoop all manure and hair into the manure buckets provided when finished.
- Return barn tools to their designated storage area.
- Do not use or touch anyone's belongings without permission.
- Do not feed anything to another boarder's horse without their permission.
- All grain and/or treats must be stored in rodent-proof containers to avoid infestation and kept in our feed stall, which is stall #10 next to the cross-tie area.
- Sundance is a smoke-free facility for staff, public customers and boarders. There is **no smoking** in any of the barns, on the trails or anywhere else on the property.
- Grain and hay rations are set by discussion between the manager and the horse owner. Please do not help yourself to feed without first discussing it with the manager.
- If you set up barrels, poles, or cones for your personal use please take them down when you are finished.
- If you must open a door or gate, **please close it** behind you.
- If using a round pen, clean up any manure left by your horse.

## Riding Expectations

Please remember that Sundance Riding Stables is open to the public and you will encounter public customers on a regular basis. Please abide by the following rules to ensure safety and cooperation from everyone:

- The paddock attached to the stable barn is the public customer holding area and is not to be used by boarders.
- Lessons are given in the corral behind the stable barn or in the indoor arena. Boarders are **not permitted** to ride in those areas when a lesson is being conducted, without permission.
- Sometimes the indoor arena and/or the large corral are rented out for an event. **When these areas are rented and occupied, boarders and public customers are prohibited from using them.**
- Boarders are **prohibited from using the indoor arena when Summer Horse Camps** are in session.
- Please allow public customer trail rides the right-of-way.
  
- If you have any problems with a public customer, please notify management rather than confronting them.
- Friends of boarders that are under 18 years of age are **not allowed** to ride (even their own horses) without an adult present and must have a signed release on file.
- Friends of boarders may **not** rent to ride stable owned horses without being on a wrangler led trail ride.
- If you bring a friend and choose to rent a stable horse, you and your guest **must follow the stable's riding rules. Stable horses may not be cantered.**
- Sundance Riding Stables does not allow public customers to canter their horse outside of a corral. Please do not canter your horse around public customers to ensure safety. Trails are walk-trot only.
- If you have a public customer question your riding practices, politely explain that you are a boarder, you are riding a privately owned horse and your rules for riding are different.
- If you come across a public customer that is having trouble, it would be greatly appreciated if you would help them and/or notify an employee.
- For your safety, **riding on the trails after dark is prohibited.**

## Miscellaneous Expectations

- Please handle your horse with a lead rope to prevent loose horses and do not leave your horse unattended.
- If you notice a fence or other item in disrepair, please bring it to the attention of the stable manager.
- **DO NOT** leave children under 13 unattended. Children should not play on or in farm equipment or vehicles. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Boarders and their guests **may not bring dogs** to the Sundance Stables facility.
- Smoking is not allowed on any Sundance Stable property.
- If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions there is a suggestion box in the boarder barn behind the tack room door or feel free to contact Julie anytime.
- In the event of a boarder wanting to terminate their boarding contract, per the boarding contract, ***R. OWNER RIGHT OF TERMINATION, it was agreed that Upon 30 days written notice to THIS STABLE the OWNER may terminate the Agreement for any reason. THIS STABLE shall be paid for all fees incurred up to the termination date. After all fees have been paid in full this Agreement is concluded.*** Please use this form as a form of written notice to terminate the contract: <https://form.jotform.com/220655275248055>
- Please complete the Boarder Profile Form. This will be used both for office use as well as in the boarder tack room. <https://forms.gle/n3C45GCyBb8mnEDg7>

## Horse Health

Horses must receive regular de-worming medication as well as yearly vaccinations. Sundance Riding Stables will administer de-worming medication, unless requested other, to ensure the health of all horses on Sundance property. We can also provide vaccinations by our vet at a reasonable cost.

If your horse is injured, you are expected to provide all veterinary services and subsequent care. If you need a Sundance employee to hold your horse for the Farrier/vet, provide veterinary care such as bandaging/administering medication, or other services we will do so at a rate of \$15 minimum up to one-half hour. If your horse is especially difficult, we reserve the right to refuse to provide this extra care.

If medical attention is to be given a consent form is to be completed by the horse owner prior to our staff administering anything to the horse.

If a horse needs to be held for a farrier appointment, or any other reason, the boarder must first communicate with the stable manager to arrange this and complete the Catch/Hold form as well.

**Equine Medical Consent Form:** <https://form.jotform.com/232955095380058>

**Catch/Hold Form:** <https://form.jotform.com/210008708212038>

## Emergency Procedures

All boarder horses are identified with photos and owner phone numbers on the bulletin board in the tack room. If you see that a boarder's horse is injured or having problems, please follow these procedures:

- Notify the stable manager-either in person or by phone.
- If no one is available on property, contact the owner using their numbers posted on the boarder bulletin board.
- If the horse appears to have an injury that could be immediately life threatening - contact our emergency veterinarian, Clinton Veterinary (989) 224-1410.

## Boarding Prices

- Stall with hay and grain: \$450
- Private paddock with hay/grain \$400 (availability limited)
  - Please use this form to join the waitlist:  
<https://forms.gle/GEzXT7t1JDNLksya7>
- Multi-horse paddock with hay \$275
- Stall per night as desired \$25/night.
- Boarder Lessons: \$50
- Pro-rated stall board is available for temporary stalling as well .Please contact the Stable Manager for more information on this as well.

## Riding Stables Prices

- **Trail rides:** \$35 per person, per hour. Children must be 8 years old to ride on the trails and children between the ages of 8-11 must have an adult with them.
- **Pony rides:** Parent Lead - 15 minutes-\$15, 30 minutes-\$25, One hour-\$30
- **Lessons:** must be pre-scheduled and are available Mon-Fri only. \$55 per hour for private lesson.
- Lesson and Multiple Ride packages are available as well.

Sundance also has a list of prices for various special events. See the manager or office personnel for prices.



## Contact Information

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Sundance Boarder Facebook Group:  
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/sundanceboarders/?ref=share&mibextid=S66gvF>

(By becoming a Facebook friend, you can keep up with current activities at Sundance)