

Farm Policies

Public Spaces - Exterior

Feel free to ride and play with your horse anywhere on The Horse First Farm property EXCEPT, the lawn area East of the barns and the area near the septic and well just NE of the Main barn. This includes the roof of the Earth home and the lawn South of the Earth home. The property will be entirely fenced in and THF will keep it as horse friendly as we can, however, use your savvy judgment when choosing play areas for your horse.

Public spaces – Interior

The tack room, prep area, classroom, bathrooms, and lounge are public areas and can be used freely by boarders. The office is primarily for personnel. Please treat the place as you would your own, and don't forget it's everybody else's. Feel free to use any educational material on the premises including DVD, CD, books, and wifi on your personal computer. These materials are not meant to leave THF property. Feel free to use the refrigerators and kitchen area, but clean up after yourself!

Arenas

Be sure to verbally announce your entry into a riding space with the word "door." The Coverall will have a doorbell system that will alert riders to the overhead door opening. The use of toys is encouraged, but please avoid excessive clutter in the arenas. The owners must pick up manure in groomed riding areas. Forks and buckets will be readily available and emptied daily.

Trails

A map of the trails is available. Trailheads will be clearly marked. Please be courteous of other rider's safety. Avoid excessive speed around blind curves and on slick footing conditions. Please do not litter!

Smoking

No smoking inside the buildings. There will be cigarette butt depositories available, so please do not throw your cigarette butts on the ground.

Reports of Damage

Inevitably, things will break. There will be a drop box in which we ask that you report anything in need of repair, big or small so that we can get it fixed asap.

Guests

We ask that all guests of boarders sign into the guest book found in the lounge. Anyone handling or riding a horse must sign the appropriate liability releases before doing so. Children under the age of 18 must have their parents sign for them. An owner must authorize another party to handle their horse through filling out an authorization form.

Trailers

Trailers may be stored at The Horse First year round for a fee. This fee includes retrieval and parking of the trailer. Please fill out a trailer retrieval request 24 hrs. prior to needing the trailer.

Dogs

The Horse First Farm encourages responsible dog ownership. In the interest of safety for dogs, horses, and humans, dogs will be allowed at The Horse First Farm only while under the direct influence of their owner. Dogs must be kept on leash, or be directly interacting with their owner in a training or exercise situation. Intact male dogs are not allowed.

Billing and Payments

Bills will be issued by the 20th of the month for the next month's board plus fees for additional services rendered in previous month. (i.e. Additional services rendered between April 16th and May 15th will be billed with June's board.) Boarders will be issued their board bills via email as well as in their personal mailbox located in the tack room. Board payments must be received by the 1st of each month. Payments can be placed in the drop box located near the office. Payments received after the 5th will have a \$25 late fee added to the following month's bill.

Outside instructor policies

Boarders are welcome to receive instruction from outside instructors. Anyone providing instruction in any form on the property will be required to pay a facility use fee and carry liability insurance. This fee applies to private lessons, clinics, and classroom/lecture situations. The Horse First Horsemanship Pledge applies to outside instructors, and they will be required to sign it before teaching at The Horse First Farm.