



## FARM RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Farm hours** for lesson students or visitors are by appointment ONLY. Boarders may visit their horses Monday through Saturday 8am – 8pm, or unless otherwise approved. The farm is Closed on Sundays.
2. The farm may be closed for holidays and special events, we give ample notice when we will be closing.
3. All guests are to park in the designated guest parking areas through the gate between the garage and the indoor arena entrance. Parking out front and across from the main house is resident parking ONLY.
4. SPEED LIMIT IS 10MPH when you first pull into the drive, then once you see the Stoned Goat Farm sign, the speed drops to 5MPH. We have people on horses all over the property, dogs, cats, chickens and young children at play in addition to elder deaf neighbors who share our driveway. Please be conscious of your speed.
5. **We accept the following methods of payment: Cash, check, Paypal and Venmo.** Cash is preferred and we do offer discounted rates for all cash payments for full time students. All cash must be in a sealed envelope and dropped in the black mailbox in the main barn with participant's name, date, what it's for on the envelope. All checks are made payable to Timothy Verna. Paypal must be sent to [StonedGoatStables@gmail.com](mailto:StonedGoatStables@gmail.com) via friends and family only or the Paypal service fees will be charged to the participant. Venmo payments are to be sent to @Tim-Verna.
6. **Lesson fees are due on or before the scheduled lesson.**
7. **Lesson fees received after the day of the scheduled lesson will result in a \$10 late fee.**
8. **Bounced lesson checks are charged a \$40 fee.**
9. **All accounts must be current in order to lesson or participate in any farm activities and events.**
10. Every single guest MUST sign a hold harmless waiver form PRIOR to handling or mounting the horses. NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule. Only lesson students are permitted to handle and mount the horses. No guests are permitted to handle or mount the horses without a waiver and permission from the farm staff.
11. We require 24 hour notice for full time and part time riding students. We require 48 hours notice for all drop in lesson students. **LAST MINUTE CANCELATIONS OUTSIDE THE TIMES PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED WILL STILL BE CHARGED FOR THE MISSED LESSON.**
12. All minors MUST be with a parent/guardian and fully supervised AT ALL TIMES \*Exception to this rule- children who are here for lessons or other programs and the child will be under the supervision of a staff member.
13. Please be courteous of lessons taking place and other riders in the ring. There may be a time when we ask our riders to be patient and allow lessons to finish prior to entering the ring.
14. Absolutely NO climbing or standing on any of the gates, fencing or landscape humps outside of the ring. We have spent a lot of time and money on all new drainage systems in November of 2019 and want to keep them working properly.
15. Minors are NOT allowed in the pastures without permission and/or supervision, unless otherwise directed to do so.
16. **Side-Coaching is not permitted and will not be tolerated.** It is not only rude to our instructors; it is a huge distraction to our riders. Please keep all comments to yourself and address any concerns with the trainer after the lesson.
17. **All riders must own their own helmet.** An ASTM/SEI approved helmet is required for anyone mounted on a horse. See your trainer or staff member for assistance with proper head protection.

18. Proper footwear is always required at the farm – no bare feet, no sandals or open toe shoes. Riding boots are necessary to provide safety to all of our riding students. See your trainer or other staff members if you need assistance in proper footwear.
19. **NO jumping on the premises without the trainer present.** If you move any of the equipment in the ring for your ride, please put it back when you are finished.
20. Practice rides require an owner or trainer to be present on the premises during any minor's ride time unless otherwise discussed.
21. Minors with boarded horses must have a parent or guardian present at all times unless otherwise discussed with the trainer. NO EXCEPTIONS.
22. No handling of any of the animals on site without permission.
23. No outside animals are permitted at the farm for the safety of the farm animals, unless otherwise approved by the farm.
24. **WE ARE A SMOKE FREE FACILITY. Smoking is NOT permitted ANYWHERE on the farm property. This is a REQUIREMENT from our insurance company and safety for our guests and animals on site.**
25. Visitors are asked to keep all motorized vehicles and trailers on the stone driveway to avoid tearing up the grassy areas if possible. On occasion when we have big events or gatherings we'll let everyone know where to park out front on the grass.
26. The following are off limits to guests:
  - a. Main House
  - b. Hay loft
  - c. Office
  - d. Shed
  - e. Feed Room
  - f. Trainer Tack Closet in the indoor
  - g. Garage
27. Always latch gates and close all doors behind you.
28. Please keep the washroom door closed at all times- we have to maintain temperatures for medicines, tack and other equipment. The heat is also kept on in the winter to avoid freezing pipes which are attached to our house. The door is also kept closed in the warm months to regulate medicine temps and avoid a fly infestation.
29. DO NOT FEED the horses or any other animals on the farm without permission from the horse's owner or farm staff. \*\*Some horses have special dietary needs/allergies and can become very ill or cause death if given the wrong thing.
30. ONLY boarded horse owners can ride the boarded horses. Boarder's guests must get permission from owners or trainers prior to mounting and we must have a signed waiver on file.
31. **CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF.** Leave the area cleaner than how you found it. This includes sweeping up the grooming area, poop, pee, dirt, shavings etc. when done and dispose of waste properly. This also includes cleaning your horse's poop off the driveway if they leave a parting gift.
32. Wipe-off bits, bridles & girths with a damp sponge, saddle soap and conditioner as necessary and return to proper place.
33. Put dirty saddle pads, wash rags or other items needing washing in the basket at laundry area.
34. Appliances in washroom are for owner use only.
35. Please only flush toilet paper down the toilet. All feminine products, paper towels, etc go in the trashcan so they do not clog our septic system.
36. Please put all tack and anything else used during your visit away where it belongs before you leave and SWEEP YOUR AREA.
37. If you're the last one to leave at night, please turn all the lights off before leaving premises.

**THIS IS A DRAMA FREE facility.** This means that we treat all our guests with love and respect. We also hold all our guests to these same standards and will not tolerate poor attitudes or bullying of any kind by children or adults. This includes poor behavior towards our staff, other participants, parents, guests and all our animals here on the farm.

We believe in working together to resolve conflict; however, if we feel that a guest is not abiding by this or any other rule listed above, we reserve the right to ask someone to leave the premises and/or withdraw from the program if necessary.

**I have read and fully understand the farm rules set forth above. I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure any of my guests are aware of these rules and follow them the same.**

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Participant Name

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Parent/Guardian Name (if participant is under 18)

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Signature

\*must be 18 or older to sign this form