



Respite Farm

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Barn Rules and Regulations

The following applies to any person or animal entering Respite Farm.

Under Virginia Law, an equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 3.1-796.133.

In case of emergency, dial 911.

All persons at Respite Farm must have a signed liability waiver. No exceptions for guest or non-horse owners.

NO SMOKING ANYWHERE ON RESPITE FARM PROPERTY. NO SMOKING ON TRAILS OR PROPERTIES SURROUNDING RESPITE FARM.

Stable hours: Dawn to Dusk.

Drive slowly up and down the driveway. Please park on the gravel areas. Do not park on the grass unless you have been instructed to do so.

All minors under age 18 years old must be supervised and accompanied by an adult. No running or screaming. Keep a safe distance from horses. DO NOT APPROACH an animal without the owner's permission and supervision.

Dogs must be on a leash or contained. Please pick up after your dog. We reserve the right to ask any client to leave their dog at home.

ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR A SEI/ATSM CERTIFIED HELMET WHEN RIDING, JUMPING OR HACKING.

Proper riding attire must be worn whenever riding, i.e. Helmet, Boots and Britches. NO FLIP-FLOPS. Ride under control. Be courteous to riders and always be aware of activity around you.

Horses may never be left unattended. Horses may be tied in designated areas only. All designated areas have break-away ties. Don't tie a horse to any fence or tree. Horses may be tied in or to an owner's trailer.

Clean up after yourself and your horse immediately after use of arena, barn and tack-up area. Please keep your things picked up and put away. Throw away all trash and water bottles. Respite Farm is not responsible for lost or damaged things.

If you use the wheel barrow, please do not leave manure in it.

If you open a gate/door, close it. If you close a gate/door, open it. Leave gates and doors as you found them. Lock the tack shed when you are finished.

Boarders who are not under instruction may ride in the arena anytime, providing it is not exclusively reserved. Prior notice will be given for scheduled events such as clinics.

Lunge only in the arena. If other riders are present, be courteous and ask for permission to lunge. Riders have first rights to use the arena over lunging.

Riding is allowed in the arena and trails only. No riding in the pastures. Please be courteous to the neighbors when riding on Proffitt Farm Road; if your horse happens to manure in a driveway, please remove it. (Dismounting and brushing it aside with your boot works.)

Your account must be in good standing to take a lesson. A student's lesson starts at the scheduled time, whether or not the student is tacked and ready to ride. If the student is still grooming or tacking at the lesson start time, it becomes part of the lesson. The lesson will still end at the scheduled time. We strongly urge you to be in the arena and warmed up prior to your lesson start time.

A \$25 fee will be charged for any scheduled lesson not cancelled 24 hours in advance. Weather (heavy rain, snow, high wind and 90+ degree heat) is always an exception.

When you finish riding, please put your horse in the appropriate field or stall according to the turn-out schedule.

Giving feed or treats to another person's horse is absolutely prohibited. Ask for permission first.

DO NOT THROW EXTRA HAY. Discuss any feed concerns with management. We need to know what your horse is consuming so that we can properly manage the horse's diet and weight.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION!

**Bob and Laura
Respite Farm**