

## FEEDWAY STABLES - RULES

The well-being of our horses, staff, and clients is extremely important to us. Please familiarize yourself with our rules and policies to help foster a safe and enjoyable community for everyone. And we mean EVERYONE – if there can be exceptions to our rules, then why have them to begin with?

1. **NO SMOKING** inside any buildings or anywhere on Stables property.
2. No alcoholic beverages allowed or consumed inside any client spaces including barns, hay storage, arenas, paddocks, parking, and pastures.
3. Absolutely no handling of horses, whether on the ground or mounted, while under the influence of alcohol or any substance that may impair your judgement.
4. ALL persons entering spaces shared by horses must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement.
5. All riders under the age of 19 **MUST** wear a helmet, and footwear with heel unles using safety stirrups while mounted.
6. Never enter a paddock or stall of a horse you do not own or are not authorized to care for. Also, **NEVER feed or handle a horse without the owner's express consent.**
7. All dogs (and similar pets) must be kept on a leash. Dog/pet owners are responsible for any and all damages or injury caused by their pet.
8. Facility hours are 6:00am to 9:00pm for horse owners. To aid with security, please notify the Management if you plan to access the facility outside of these hours. No public access unless accompanied by a staff, boarder/owner, or booked with a service provider on site.
9. Pick up your manure and tidy up after yourself in common areas like hitching rails, arenas, and tack rooms.
10. Return all equipment (wheel barrows, manure forks, hoses, poles, etc.) to their appropriate place.
11. If you move something, please put it back. If you open it, close it (doors, gates, etc.). If you turn it on (water, lights, heaters, etc), turn it off. If something breaks or needs attention, please let the Stables Manager know.
12. ALL incidents that occur, resulting in injury or not, must be reported to the Stables Manager and are subject to an incident report.
13. All children under the age of 12 who are not booked with an instructor must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.
14. Treat your horse and fellow humans with the same kindness, empathy, and respect you wish to be treated with.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES:

- Do not hand feed the horses unless you want to feed them your hands.
- Always use a quick release knot or device to tie your horse to designated hitching rails.
- We highly recommend annual vaccinations and health checks for all livestock boarded at the Stables. This is currently a recommendation but may become mandatory in 2023 as our community grows and becomes busier.
- Please check the bulletin boards for important updates. We want everyone to be in the loop. Be sure and check your email regularly and keep an eye on our social media as well.
- We highly recommend that you keep all of your tack off the ground and hung up or stowed in bins on shelves. This helps keep things tidy and clean for everyone.

## ARENA USE AND BOOKING POLICY:

This facility hosts several service providers who do a great deal of teaching and training in our shared arenas. Management will post a schedule of bookings weekly if boarders wish to avoid these peak times in the arenas. We encourage everyone to share and look forward to the opportunity to foster a healthy and vibrant community for all of our clients.

Outside instructors are welcome to teach lessons to boarding clients as long as they have current proof of insurance on file with the Management, embrace our community culture while on our premises, and management is notified of their schedule for accurate billing. If you wish to have more privacy when your instructor visits, please book the arena well in advance so we can post the schedule. Private bookings are subject to an hourly charge.

## TRAILER PARKING AND STORAGE POLICY:

All trailers, vehicles, farm equipment, etc. parked on the property regularly and not associated with a day rate short term stay or during an event is subject to a \$50/mth charge. Unauthorized vehicles, trailers, equipment, etc will be removed at owner's expense.

## DAY RATES AND TEMPORARY STABLING POLICY:

All day use and haul in services must be booked with the Stables prior to your arrival and is subject to availability. Please see our current fee schedule. All facility users must also sign a Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement.

## EVENTS, CLINICS, COMPETITIONS, AND OTHER BOOKINGS:

Coming for 2024!

## **HORSEMANSHIP and ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PRACTICE POLICY:**

Horses are prey animals who require a significant amount of forage, room to move at will, social connections to other horses, and the opportunity to avoid and/or recover from perceived threats, pressure, or stress. In domesticated environments they also require shelter from wind, rain, and summer sunlight, regular hoof care, parasite control, disease prevention, and veterinary care.

A responsible husbandry and horsemanship practice must consider each need with empathy, respect, and an understanding of the evolution of the species. In particular, consideration must be given to what a horse's behaviour is communicating.

All horses on the premises (either residing regularly or visiting briefly) will be subject to practices that promote willing, growing partnerships. Practices deemed by the Stables to be forcible, abusive, or that fail to meet the standard described here are unacceptable and will result in sanctions up to and including the immediate removal of related horse(s), owners, participants, parents, and/or guests.

For more detailed recommendations please see the Equine Code of Practice from the National Farm Animal Care Council. [https://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/codes/equine\\_code\\_of\\_practice.pdf](https://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/codes/equine_code_of_practice.pdf)

## **INTERPERSONAL CONDUCT:**

At Feedway Stables we have a practical, down to earth, no drama approach to our community, the services we deliver, and the people we serve. Behaviour deemed by the Stables to be abusive, violent, harmful to oneself or others, or that fails to align with our approach is unacceptable and will result in sanctions up to and including the immediate removal of owners, participants, parents, or guests.