

Sharkey Farm

Barn Rules

- Barn Hours are 8AM-10PM 7 days a week.
- All riders or persons handling a horse must sign a release before riding and/or boarding any horses in any way.
- Boarders are responsible for having guests sign releases (available online)
- **Riders must clean their horse's paddock and ensure they have a full hay bag and water trough each time they visit their horse.**
- NO smoking allowed on the farm at any time.
- NO dogs or pets on the property without permission. (They may remain in the car, at all times, with a window open).
- The speed limit on the property is 5MPH for the safety of horses, riders and children.
- Children 13 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- The ATV is available only for students over 13, wearing a helmet, with parental and farm permission.
- All Boarders, Trainers, Instructors, Students and Staff are required to wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet when mounted on a horse (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- Riding boots with a heel must be worn for riding.
- Please do not give treats to horses other than your own, unless approved by the owner.
- All visitors/family members accompanying a rider during a lesson must remain quiet and well behaved while at the farm.
- **Clean up after your horse and yourself. Sweep the crossies, put all equipment back any time you use it.**
- All full "messy" wheelbarrows must be dumped in the compost pile and not left out. Wheelbarrows and pitchforks must be stored properly after use.
- Horses will be turned out in specific areas only. No changing turnout paddocks without permission.
- Please turn off the arena lights if you are the last person riding.
- Be mindful of others while you are hacking. Pass left to left, give space, allow for others to ride and enjoy their horses.
- Absolutely no jumping outside of a lesson.
- Please do not leave your horse unattended in any area including the riding arena.
- If you don't do it at home.... don't do it at the farm.
- **Lastly, think to yourself: would I do this if Kate were watching?**

Practicing safe riding principles and good barn etiquette can mean many years of happy, healthy riding enjoyment for you and your horse. Have fun and stay safe!

DAILY CHORES

Complete these EVERY time you ride!

~when you arrive~

- Pick all poops, rake all spilled hay, and dispose of all twine in your assigned paddock.
- Fill the water trough in your assigned paddock. Dump and scrub the trough if it's icky.
- Refill all hay bags in your assigned paddock if they are less than $\frac{1}{3}$ full. Always put FULL bales into the bags, not flakes.
 - Put the wheelbarrow and pitchforks back behind the small paddock shelter.

~before you ride~

- Groom your horse thoroughly including picking its feet.

~after you ride~

- After riding, thoroughly groom your horse again, making sure no sand or mud is left on its belly or legs.
 - Hang up all tack neatly in the tack room.
- Clean your bridle, dump and refill the cleaning bucket if necessary.
 - Sweep the aisle where you were grooming your horse.
 - Take your horse's halter and lead rope back to his paddock and hang it up neatly.

~before you leave~

- Do one last look around to make sure you put EVERYTHING away.
- Last one out of the barn at night turns off lights and closes barn doors.