

HUNTERS HAVEN FARM
RELEASE & LIABILITY WAIVER

2021

Name of Student: _____ Child aged _____ Adult (18+)

I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge Hunters Haven Farm, it's agents or employees, and all other persons or entities from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of Hunters Haven Farm, it's agents or employees, and all other persons or entities, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and damage to my property, and further agree not to sue, claim against, or attach the property of any of the foregoing corporations, persons or entities. I further agree, promise and covenant not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain or assert any claim against Hunters Haven Farm, it's agents or employees, and all other persons or entities, for any injury, death, illness, or disease or damage to my property, arising from or connected with my participation in this activity.

(We or I) the undersigned fully know the dangers and injuries that can occur while horseback riding or being around horses. I hereby acknowledge and state that I know and am aware that horses used for riding and riding instruction may vary in spirit, are subject to being startled, frightened, having nervous reactions and loss of control which may result in a horse throwing it's rider, falling, slipping, jumping, kicking, and jostling riders, other horses with riders, or other like conduct, causing injury to myself and the persons on or about the stables and riding areas, or the property of Hunters Haven Farm and the adjacent properties which are used for riding and to teach horsemanship to persons with varying amounts of experience; and that horses may create conditions in and around the stable, riding areas, and adjacent premises which are dangerous to persons thereon; and I hereby voluntarily assume the risk of injury and damage therefrom as well as from all other conditions attendant thereupon as a condition to admission to the said stable and the said premises, and the use of horses in connection therewith or apart therefrom. (We or I) understand the above statements and take total and full responsibility in this matter.

WARNING: UNDER MASSACHUSETTS LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURUSANT TO CHAPTER 128, SECTION 2D OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

Please read initial the following:

_____ **All lessons must be prepaid prior to participating in the program. Students utilizing coupons/gift certificates must present the same prior to redeeming them.**

_____ **Blocks of group lessons must be taken in consecutive weeks to receive the block discount.**

_____ **Late payments (any payment made after lesson is taken) will incur a \$25.00 late fee.**

_____ **Absences without notice via email will forfeit the lesson without eligibility of a makeup, refund or credit.**

_____ **Private lessons missed with prior notice given will be allowed a make it up in a small group.**

_____ **Any group classes missed can be made up ONLY if there is prior notice of absence given to the office.**

_____ **Any make-ups for missed group classes will be assessed a \$10 cash fee (waived during COVID).**

_____ **Make-ups are only honored to current, active students.**

_____ **There are no refunds of monies paid for any services of Hunters Haven Farm.**

_____ **Hunters Haven Farm reserves the rights to use any photos of horses and/or riders in any venue to be used on HHF social media for advertising purposes. Any personal photos are not to be shared on social media without owner's approval. Hunters Haven Farm must be "tagged" in all photos posted of our horses and facilities.**

RIDING HELMETS ARE RECOMMENDED AT ALL TIMES

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PLEASE READ COMPLETELY

- **THE DRIVEWAY SPEED LIMIT IS 15MPH.** Please take care while when driving down the driveway and in the parking lot. There are children and animals roaming and you never know when they cross the driveway.
- **NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE PREMESIS.**
- **DO NOT FEED THE HORSES.** Some of the horses have allergies to certain foods and others get overly excited with the wrestling sound of treat bags. Many also get impatient waiting for food and can get aggressive.
- **DO NOT ENTER THE INDOOR UNLESS IT IS TO MOUNT A HORSE** (ie; no walking through the ring to speak to an instructor or cut across to another aisle). When entering the ring, announce your arrival to warn approaching riders. Calling out "DOOR" is the most common way.
- **SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY OF THE RIDING ARENAS** for both your safety and the safety of the horses and riders in the arenas. There are viewing rooms for spectators. People passing through the ring or congregating in the corners are disruptive to the horses, riders and instructors.
- **DO NOT GIVE UNSOLICITED INSTRUCTION from the sidelines.** If there is a lesson in progress, the instructor should be the only person giving instructions. It is difficult enough without added confusion from untrained spectators.
- **CHILDREN NEED TO BE WATCHED AT ALL TIMES.** Young children running around are likely to spook horses and cause unnecessary falls. Please keep children close and quiet.
- Cell phones should NOT be used in any manner while on horseback.
- Cooling off or walking should be done **off** the rail. You should never pass another rider without fair warning.
- All riding is done in the same direction as the lesson. Absolutely no jumping allowed in the same ring as a beginner lesson in progress. Please consider the ability level of the students and if unsure, ask the instructor.
- There is no hand walking (unless medically necessary), lunging and/or horse rolling allowed while lessons are in progress.
- Free rides, rentals and leased horses do not include the option of rider changes. NO jumping allowed on free rides, rentals or lease rides.
- Check with the barn staff if outside riding is allowed and recommended in icy/snowy conditions.
- Pick up after your horse in the aisle. Manure should never be left in the aisle and/or driveway.
- Let's all take pride and care for our barn, equipment and horses. Throw away all trash (even if it's not your own) and please put back all tack, grooming tools and such in their right place.
- We are not responsible for any items left behind.

I have read this entire waiver (both sides) and sign to show that I understand and agree:

Name of Student: _____ **Age:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Parent if rider is under 18 years old)

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Address (street, city, state, zip code): _____

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING HUNTERS HAVEN FARM!