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LESSON INFORMATION, BARN RULES, AND EMERGENCY PLAN

- A. **WHAT TO WEAR:** In general, dress for the weather! If it is cold outside, it will be cold inside the arena too. Gloves, coats, scarves, layers, hand/food warmers are all acceptable and encouraged when it's cold outside! Long pants and closed-toe boots with a small heel are required. The pants keep your legs safe from chaffing in the saddle and the heel prevents your foot from sliding through the stirrup and becoming trapped.

AN ASTM/SEI CERTIFIED HELMET MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES when mounted. No exceptions, no bike helmets. If you do not have one of your own, you are welcome to use one of ours but please understand that the helmets we offer may not always be an ideal fit.

- B. **WHAT NOT TO WEAR:** Dress shoes, open toe shoes, sandals, crocs, and tennis shoes are not suitable for riding. No bulky or loose garments that could flap while riding or interfere with your ability to sit in the saddle or hold the reins (superhero capes, big bulky mittens/gloves, fairy wings, dresses, etc.). No dangling jewelry that could get caught on clothing or the saddle.

- C. **WHAT TO EXPECT IN YOUR LESSON:** Please plan to arrive on time for the scheduled start of your lesson. You can park along the North side of the barn opposite the trailers then head down into the barn. I will usually be waiting for you in one of the two wash stalls in the middle of the barn aisle with your horse. If you don't see me, I may still be out grabbing a horse or finishing up a previous lesson. You're welcome to wait for me in the barn aisle or at the front of the barn near the parking area.

Out of respect for the other boarders and safety for both horse and rider, please do not interact with any other horse on the property than your provided lesson horse. This includes petting over the fence, giving treats, etc.

We have access to a round-pen, indoor arena, and outdoor riding field. Depending on your lesson and the weather, we will use one of these three locations. Parents, friends, and family are welcome to watch your lesson anytime. Please just be respectful of the lesson and any other riders in the area. Rider safety is our number one concern.

Most lessons will begin with grooming and tacking, followed by learning to lead the horse down to the arena. For our more experienced students (those who have proven to understand the basics of grooming and tacking,) I will have the horse tacked and ready for your lesson when you arrive to give you more time in the saddle.

- D. **WEATHER:** Colorado weather can be unpredictable and wild. Although we have access to an indoor arena, rider safety is always our number one priority. As such, the following weather conditions may cause a lesson to end early or be rescheduled: high winds, excessive cold or heat, lightning, snow/rainstorms, etc. In general, I will cancel lessons in advance when the temperature is forecast to be below freezing or we have a storm system coming through. Horses are very sensitive to changes in weather, and I will always put safety first. Any canceled lessons will simply be rescheduled to the following week.

- E. PAYMENT POLICIES:** Lessons can be purchased individually or in packages to both secure your time slot and save money. For both packages and individually purchased lessons, payment is due upon receipt of your invoice. Payment can be made by check or cash on the day of your lesson (please just let me know if this is your intention), through the Square invoice link sent to your email address after booking, or by sending the money through Venmo (@NOCOEquine). Packages are non-refundable unless NOCO Equine is unable to fulfill the package.
- F. CANCELLATIONS & NO SHOWS:** Life happens! If you know you will miss a lesson, or something unexpected comes up, please do your best to reach out to us as soon as possible to reschedule your lesson. The same goes for us! If for any reason we need to cancel or reschedule a lesson, we will let you know right away. If you purchased your lesson as part of a package, AND you let us know at least 2 hours prior to the start of your lesson, your lesson WILL be rescheduled. You will not lose out on your lesson fee for having to reschedule, regardless of the reason. **If you don't show up to a lesson without reaching out to us at least two hours prior to the start of your lesson (no show), your lesson fee will be forfeited for that week.**
- G. BARN RULES & SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Red River Ranch has kindly agreed to allow us to use their facility for riding lessons. Please be respectful of other boarders and riders at all times by following these general safety guidelines:
- ✓ Please keep all guests, siblings and young visitors within sight at all times.
 - ✓ No running, screaming, throwing objects, jumping off walls, etc. These behaviors can spook horses and cause unnecessary injury to both horse and rider.
 - ✓ Leave gates and doors the way you found them. If you open it, close it.
 - ✓ Please leave your pets at home. They can be distracting for both the horse and rider.
 - ✓ Do not enter or open any stalls or pastures without permission.
 - ✓ Do not feed treats or other food to horses without permission.
 - ✓ No smoking or drinking is allowed on the premises.
 - ✓ No running up and down the barn aisle or through the arenas.
 - ✓ Do not enter the arena while a lesson is in progress.
 - ✓ **THE WIRE FENCING IS ELECTRIC.** Please inform all little ones of this and be sure they steer clear of any wire, rope or white-tape fencing. Metal gates and panels are safe to touch.
- H. EMERGENCY PLAN:** The riding instructor is certified by the American Heart Association in their Heartsaver CPR AED program. In the case of an injury or fall, the riding instructor will evaluate the rider/participant, administer First Aid, and determine if EMS is needed. If injury requiring further medical attention is suspected, the rider/participant will not be moved, and emergency medical assistance will be contacted immediately.

In the case of an emergency, the riding instructor is in charge and will be responsible for assessing the incident and providing clear instruction to riders/participants. If the instructor should become incapacitated, please immediately dial 911 and seek help from another adult on premise.

NOCO Equine LLC has a detailed emergency plan on file, most recently revised March 5, 2024. This document is available upon request and can also be found at www.nocoequine.com under the FAQ section.

**I/We, the undersigned, have read and do understand the foregoing information, rules and policies.
I/We have received a copy of this document for my/our records.**

Signature of Rider or Parent/Legal Guardian if Minor

Date