

# **STEADFAST FAMILY FARM RULES**

Each person who visits our facilities, participates in horse-related activities, rides or boards a horse at property owned or operated by Steadfast Family Farm, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation (“Steadfast”) agrees to follow the below Steadfast Farm Rules.

## **GENERAL RULES**

**COMMUNITY:** Our horses and our people are a community that we call Steadfast. Please treat all members of our community with respect, courtesy and consideration. We require safe and considerate behavior from each guest, boarder, and family member at all times! Your safety is our primary goal.

**SMOKING:** SMOKING, VAPING or the use of e-cigarettes is NOT permitted on any property owned or operated by Steadfast.

**ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and ILLEGAL DRUGS may not be consumed on any property owned or operated by Steadfast.

**CHILDREN:** Minors under the age of 18 (hereinafter referred as “Children”) must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times. At any time that a Child is participating in a Steadfast event and a parent or guardian is not present, an emergency contact phone number must be listed on the Child’s registration document.

**PARKING:** Parking is permitted in designated areas and as directed by Steadfast staff and volunteers.

**DOGS:** For the safety of our community we ask that all dogs be leashed or under the immediate care and supervision of their owners. We reserve our right to ask owners to leash or to remove any dogs.

## **HANDLING AND WORKING WITH HORSES**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER:** Each person who participates in horse activities must sign a Hold Harmless Liability Waiver and Release.

**HELMETS REQUIRED:** All persons must wear an ASTM approved helmet at all times while riding or mounted.

**RIDING ATTIRE:** All persons riding or working directly with the horses must wear sturdy closed toe shoes. Boots with heels are required when riding with stirrups.

**JUMPING/JUMPS:** We do not allow or authorize any horse riders to jump on any property owned or operated by Steadfast.

GROUND: It is the duty of every farm participants share the responsibility of keeping the Farm property free of litter, clean and organized. This requires all to clean up after themselves and their horses.

- a. Clean up after your horse in ALL areas outside of the pastures.
- b. If you are last to leave, please assure that all gates are closed, lights turned off, and doors locked before you go.

#### ARENA USE:

- a. You must clean up after your horse; it is very important for the longevity of the footing that manure be removed from the footing immediately.
- b. Please follow all Arena Rules and Etiquette.
- c. Use of the outdoor and indoor arenas is weather-dependent. There areas may be
- d. closed at Farm's management's discretion. Check lesson/session calendar in binder to determine arena availability. Riding areas may be used by horse boarders between 8:00AM to 8:00PM and when not being used for lessons or sessions.

#### BASIC HORSE HANDLING ETIQUETTE:

- a. **Respect animals ALWAYS!**
- b. **Stop look and listen.** Use caution when working around horses. Horses are easily frightened. Loud noises and sudden movement may cause some horses to react in unexpected ways.
- c. **Treats should not be fed to the horses by hand.** Place them in the horse's feeder. Fingers are a lot like carrots and other bite size snacks. Additionally, please only give snacks when approved by a Steadfast volunteer or the horse owner.
- d. **Do not stand or work directly behind or in front of a horse.** Horses have limited vision in these areas and may not see you clearly. The horse will be more easily frightened and could kick you or run over you by mistake.
- e. **Never wrap or tie yourself to your horse in any way.** Being tied may result in you being dragged by your horse.
- f. **Always use a halter and rope when moving horses and to tie your horse.** Never tie with the reins as reins may be broken or the horse's mouth injured if tied by the bridle.
- g. **Listen and Learn. Always listen for instructions from your leader and act promptly.** Keep alert at all times when around horses. Your instructor will help to protect you from danger and insure that you enjoy your time with your horse.
- h. **Praise often, punish seldom.** Firm, gentle treatment will gain horse's respect. Harsh or cruel treatment will make your horse fear you.
- i. **Check equipment for proper fit and have your instructor check before you mount.** Improperly-fitted equipment may cause accident or injury to horse and rider.
- j. **Dismount to adjust clothing or equipment.** Horse may spook from unusual movement on his back.

- k. **Keep a horse's distance.** Maintain at least one horse length between your horse and the horse in front of you unless otherwise instructed by Farm Staff.
- l. **Do not handle anyone's horse(s), without express permission by the horse owner and Farm Management to do so.**
- m. **Do not remove a horse from a stall or paddock without staff permission.**

### **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR BOARDERS**

**VETERINARY AND FARRIER CARE:** Any horse being boarded at Steadfast must remain current with the following vaccinations: Tetanus, Rabies, Eastern/Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, West Nile Virus, Strangles, and Current Negative Coggins. It is the responsibility of the horse's owner to provide regular farrier care and veterinary care as needed.

**BOARDER GUESTS:** If a boarder brings a guest to property owned or operated by Steadfast, it is the responsibility of such boarder to inform the Guest of these Farm Rules. Anyone not in compliance may be asked to leave the property without notice. No Guest may handle or ride a horse unless that Guest has signed a Hold Harmless Liability Waiver and Release.

**HOURS:** The Farm is open to boarders seven days per week: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, but may be closed periodically by Farm management during inclement or severe weather events for the protection of boarders and horses or for other reasons at Farm discretion.

**GATES:** All gates must be closed at all times except when attended. All visitors must close any gate on the property that they open (and may not open locked gates). Gates shall only be opened after making a reasonable determination that it is safe to do so.

**GROUND ACCESS:** Boarders and their guests are welcome in the arenas, tack rooms, restrooms, pastures, rings and parking areas.

**DOORS:** All doors must remain closed while not attended including tack room doors, barn doors, hay storage stall doors and feed room doors. Boarders and guests must close unattended doors whether they opened them or not.

**HORSE SIGN-OUT:** All horses must be signed-out/in so that we are able to account for the location of each horse at all times. A sign-out/in sheet is located in the Policies, Procedures, and Profiles notebook in the common area.

**TACK AND BLANKETS:**

- a. Do not use anyone's tack, grooming supplies or any equipment that is not your own without explicit permission to do so.

- b. Horse boarders may store basic tack and grooming supplies at the stable at your own risk. Locked storage is not available.

FEED: Horses are fed once daily. If you trailer your horse off property, coordinate with Care Staff to assure proper care for your horse.

CONDUCT:

- a. No person may act as an instructor at the Farm who is not either 1) insured by the Farm, or 2) has submitted written proof of independent insurance to Farm management and has permission of Farm management to instruct at the Farm.
- b. Running, shouting, rock throwing, and rowdy boisterous behavior are not permitted at any time.

LIABILITY: While every effort will be made to provide proper care to all horses being boarded, the Farm shall not be held liable for any costs or loss associated with a horse's sickness, theft, injury, or death. While the Farm's facilities and employees are fully insured as required by law, this insurance policy does not cover a personal policy for each horse. If desired, this may be purchased independently by the boarder. The boarder agrees to bear complete and total liability for their horse's continued health and well-being. Additionally, the boarder agrees to indemnify and hold the Farm harmless against any and all claims or loss or damage, without limitation. The Farm is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

CANCELLATION: This horse boarding contract shall continue on a month-to-month basis. The boarder may cancel this agreement at any time by paying any unpaid horse boarding fees and removing their horse(s) from the Farm's property. Steadfast Family Farm may cancel this agreement at any time by giving a one-month move-out notice. In extreme instances when horse or human safety is at risk, immediate cancellation may be exercised.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL: Should any horses covered under this horse boarding contract require medical care, the Farm will make a reasonable effort to contact the boarder via phone. Should the boarder be unreachable, the Farm reserves the right to secure veterinary care for the horse(s) covered by this horse boarding agreement. All costs associated with such care will be the sole responsibility of the boarder without limitation.

AMENDMENT: Steadfast reserves the right to change, modify or amend these rules from time to time, in its sole discretion.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE AFORESAID RULES, AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FAMILY'S AND GUESTS' AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES. FURTHERMORE, I AGREE TO ATTEND A TWO-HOUR EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING WITHIN A MONTH OF BOARDING MY HORSE WITH STEADFAST FAMILY FARM..