



# SAMPLE BOARDING AGREEMENT

*Corresponds with Requirement 3.0*

The following is a sample template for a Boarding Agreement that contains all the necessary requirements for the ECP. Please utilize only the sections that apply to your facility as guidance (e.g. you do not need to include sections on gestating mares if your facility does not care for broodmares).

Please also note that this template contains guidance only for the clauses within a boarding agreement covered under the scope of the ECP. Other information included within the boarding agreement (e.g. services provided, liability) is at the facility's discretion and will not be evaluated for the purpose of this program.

For the purposes of this agreement, the **Client** is any individual who wishes to board their horse or horses at a facility they do not own.

## 1. Veterinary Care

The client chooses to use the services of the Attending Veterinarian, \_\_\_\_\_ (name).

OR

The client chooses to use the services of a different Veterinarian. Please fill out the following information:

**Client Veterinarian Name:**

**Clinic/Business Name:**

**Clinic/Business Address:**

**City:**

**Province:**

**Postal Code:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Alternative Veterinarian Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**



- Prior to arrival, the Client agrees to provide the Facility Owner with the horse's full medical history, including:
  - Known allergies
  - Pre-existing conditions
  - Vaccination records
  - Deworming records
  - Date of last farrier visit
- The Client agrees to follow the outlined **Parasite Control Protocol** for the property as determined by the Facility Owner's Attending Veterinarian.
  - The facility uses the following Parasite Control Protocol (please summarize here or include a copy of the protocol with the boarding agreement):
  
- The Client agrees to follow the outlined **Vaccination Protocol** for the property as determined by the Facility Owner's Attending Veterinarian. The Vaccination Protocol is as follows (please summarize here or include a copy of the protocol with the boarding agreement):
  - *Individual vaccination plans can be drawn up with the Attending Veterinarian in the case of allergies or adverse reactions.*
  
- If the Client Horse is ill or injured, every effort will be made to contact the Client to seek further direction regarding a treatment plan, as outlined in the **Sick and Injured Horse Protocol**. In the event that the Client is unable to be contacted, however, the Client authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ (who) to act as their agent in matters regarding the Client Horse's health. The individual will:
  - Attempt to contact the Client's Veterinarian and Alternative Veterinarian.
  - If neither can be reached, they will contact the farm's Attending Veterinarian or an emergency Veterinarian.
  - The Client agrees to pay all costs as determined by the veterinarian attending the horse.
- In the event that a Client Horse contracts or comes into contact with a horse who has contracted an infectious disease, the Client Horse will be quarantined on site and remain segregated until the Attending Veterinarian deems them safe to return to the herd. The Client agrees to adhere to the instructions provided by the Facility Owner regarding visitation and interactions with horses in an effort to maintain biosecurity. Management decisions will follow what is outlined in the **Infectious Disease Protocol** (please include a copy with the boarding agreement).
- Gestating mares or jennets under the care of the Facility Owner are subject to the facility's **Foaling and Newborn Care Protocol** (please include a copy with the boarding agreement). The Client agrees to review this protocol with the Facility Owner and consents to the provision of veterinary care to gestating mares or jennets and their foals as needed



## 2. Farrier Care

**Client Farrier Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

- By becoming a client of this facility, the Client agrees to adhere to the facility's **Hoof Care Protocol**, which is as follows:
  - Clients are responsible for ensuring their horse's hooves are trimmed and maintained to prevent hoof overgrowth and abnormalities that may cause injury or discomfort to horses.

*In the event that the Facility Owner believes that the Client's decisions regarding the treatment of the Client Horse is causing the horse to experience unnecessary distress (e.g. untreated illness or injury, neglecting hoof care, etc.), the Facility Owner will proceed with the following actions:*

## 3. Managing Heat and Cold Stress

All horses on the property are monitored at least once daily to ensure their well-being. In the event that the Client Horse exhibits signs of heat or cold stress, facility staff will follow the steps outlined in the **Heat and Cold Stress Protocol** to relieve them. **The Heat and Cold Stress Protocol** is as follows (please summarize here or include a copy of the protocol with the boarding agreement):

Clients are expected to adhere to the facility **Blanketing Protocol**, which determines what affects decision making regarding blanketing of horses and ensures a) blankets are checked daily to keep them in good repair and b) horses are checked beneath the blankets at minimum once a week to ensure good health.

All clients are expected to follow this protocol as per the Boarding Agreement. Failure to comply will result in: (*action taken; e.g. barn owner provides blanket for horse in need and raises board cost*).



#### 4. Humane Handling and Training Ethics Agreement

*All Clients and any visitors, trainers, handlers, or other individuals that accompany them to the facility who will handle their horse must adhere to the behaviours outlined in the Humane Handling and Training Ethics Agreement, which is as follows:*

**There is zero tolerance of abuse towards horses at this facility.**

- Horses must not be subjected to avoidable pain or abuse during handling or training, or that causes injury as a direct result of the training method used.
- Horses must not be subjected to training methods or actions that are abusive or intentionally injurious.
- Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity or age.
- The use of electric spurs or prods, or any other shock-related training devices on horses is prohibited.
- Tail nicking and blocking are prohibited.

The following handling and training methods are prohibited at this facility:

- Nosebands used in such a way that they interfere with the horse's breathing, or be tight enough to cause pain or discomfort;
- Excessively whipping or beating a horse;
- Subjecting a horse to any kind of electric shock device;
- Excessively or persistently using spurs or jabbing a horse in the mouth with the bit;
- Riding/driving an obviously exhausted, lame or injured horse;
- Forcing the horse's head position by tying the horse to a fixed object;
- Rapping a horse;
- Soring a horse;
- Hyper-sensitizing any part of a horse;
- Using shackles or chains (not to be confused with rubber or elastic exercising devices);



- Training or riding a horse with raw or bleeding sores;
- Using an explosive (i.e. firecracker, fire extinguisher except in the case of fire) or using fire such as lighters, matches, etc.);
- Ignoring adverse medication reactions that compromise the horse's welfare (including but not limited to staggering and falling down);
- Inappropriate or over-use medications, drugs, and supplements in both on label and off label scenarios; Or
- Excess of use in activity, lesson, training, or competition to which physical or emotional impacts are demonstrated.

Violations of the agreement will be reported to \_\_\_\_\_ (*who*) at \_\_\_\_\_ (*contact information*).

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*Client Name*) hereby certify that I have read and understood the above document and agree to adhere to the rules and protocols within so long as I remain a client of this facility.

**Facility Owner Signature:**

**Date:**

**Client Signature:**

**Date:**

**Date of commencement of boarding services:**