

HUMANE HANDLING AND TRAINING ETHICS AGREEMENT

Corresponds with Requirement 6.0

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

- 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 *(insert name)* _____ by contacting *(insert phone number)* _____.