



# 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 Equine Care Program. **Please only use the sections that apply to your facility.**

For example, 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 Equine Care Program. 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.

### **Veterinary services:**

- The client uses the services of the facility's Attending Veterinarian.
- The client uses the services of a different veterinarian.

### **Client veterinarian:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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The client agrees to provide the facility with the horse's full medical history, including:

- Known allergies



- Pre-existing health conditions
- Vaccination records
- Deworming records
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parasite control:**

The client agrees to follow the outlined Parasite Control Protocol. The facility uses the following Parasite Control Protocol (*summarize the facility's protocol details or include a copy of the protocol here*):

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**Vaccinations:**

The client agrees to follow the outlined Vaccination Protocol. The Vaccination Protocol is as follows (*summarize the facility's protocol details or include a copy of the protocol here*):

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Individual vaccination plans can be developed with the Attending Veterinarian in the case of horses with allergies or adverse reactions to vaccinations.

**Sick and injured horses:**

If the client's 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.

If the client is unable to be contacted, however, the client authorizes the following individual to act as their agent in matters regarding the client horse's health:

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The individual will:

- Attempt to contact the client's veterinarian.



- If neither can be reached, they will contact the facility's Attending Veterinarian or an emergency Veterinarian.
- The client agrees to pay all costs as determined by the veterinarian treating the horse.

**Infectious disease:**

In the event that the client's 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 a 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 to maintain biosecurity. Management decisions will follow what is outlined in the Infectious Disease Protocol.

The client agrees to follow the outlined Infectious Disease Protocol. The facility uses the following Infectious Disease Protocol (*summarize the facility's protocol details or include a copy of the protocol here*):

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**Foaling and newborn care:**

Gestating mares or jennets under the care of the facility owner are subject to the facility's Foaling and Newborn Care Protocol.

The client agrees to follow the outlined Foaling and Newborn Care protocol. The facility uses the following Foaling and Newborn Care protocol (*summarize the facility's protocol details or include a copy of the protocol here*):

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**Farrier services:**

Client's farrier: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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*(e.g., all horses at the facility are trimmed on a 6-8 week schedule).*

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.

If the facility owner believes that the client's decisions regarding the treatment of the client's 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:

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**Heat and cold stress:**

All horses on the property are monitored at least once daily to ensure their well-being. If the client's 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 facility uses the following Heat and Cold Stress Protocol (*summarize the facility's protocol details or include a copy of the protocol here*):

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

The facility uses the following Blanketing Protocol (*summarize the facility's protocol details or include a copy of the protocol here*):

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### **Humane handling and training ethics agreement:**

**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)* \_\_\_\_\_.

I *(insert 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.

**Client:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility owner/manager:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_