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Thank you for inquiring about boarding your horse at Black Horse Stable. The following provides a general overview of our services, expectations, and fees.

In business for forty-five years and counting, Black Horse Stable has always believed in keeping the opportunity to own a horse accessible to people of any income level. We therefore have always maintained our board rates at a reasonable price, while still offering the advantage of a fully equipped equine facility with a large indoor arena. In order to provide this service, Black Horse Stable expects a certain level of participation from its boarders. While each boarder here at Black Horse has his/her own confidential boarding agreement and rates, the following pages generally describe the services available at our facility at our current rate of **\$450 per horse per month**. We do provide additional services upon request such as longer turnout, or providing different feed. Should you have any questions or comments regarding any of these services, please do not hesitate to ask.

HORSE CARE

The following refers to the care that you may expect your horse to receive under your Board Agreement.

- Weather permitting, horses are turned out daily in groups, beginning at approximately **7:00AM**. Timothy hay is provided in the pastures during the winter months. Horses are brought in at approximately **1:00PM**. Should you wish your horse to stay inside on any given day, it is your responsibility to place a sign on the stall door.
- While the horses are pastured, stalls are cleaned out and fresh bedding is given as needed.
- Water buckets are filled on a regular basis and as needed.
- Grain is provided once or twice a day as per your instructions. Black Horse provides custom-blended Challenger Feed. Ingredients and analysis are available upon request.
- Hay is provided as needed both indoors and outdoors.
- We provide storage space for a reasonable amount of equipment per horse at no extra charge.
- We provide free trailer parking.

The following care is what Black Horse Stable requires of the horse's owner:

- Halters must be provided and worn by your horse at all times. If the horse is prone to halter rubs, use "fuzzies" to protect its face. Permission **MUST** be received from management to leave a halter off.
- Water buckets must be provided by the horse owner. Owners are expected to maintain the cleanliness of the bucket though our staff will never fill a dirty bucket.
- Owners are responsible for maintaining the horse's veterinary and farrier care. Spring and Fall shots are required, as well as a negative Coggins test when moving in, or if the horse is expected to leave the property and return. If Black Horse Stable deems that your horse's health or feet are in need of care, and you do not respond in a timely manner, the necessary care will be authorized, and you will be billed accordingly for the care.
- Blankets, sheets, fly masks, etc. may be provided, and it is the responsibility of the horse owner to put them and take them off. BHS staff will straighten them or remove them in the event they are unwearable.
- Salt blocks, Jolly Balls, etc. may be provided. Black Horse Stable is not responsible for maintaining or preventing any damage to these items.
- A common sense and helpful attitude. If you see an empty water bucket, please fill it. If you see something wrong, try to correct it or seek assistance. Watch out for each other.

- We do request that boarders purchase rubber stall mats for their horse. This makes stall maintenance much easier and is good for the overall health of the horse. We will install your mats for free and help you take them up in the event you leave.
- Owners are responsible for any damage done to the stall by their horse. If repairs are made by staff, the owner will be invoiced accordingly.
- If you desire extra bedding, we ask that you supply it yourself rather than use our existing supply (this practice would disrupt our delivery schedule). In the event of excessive moisture or flooding we will use our own supply at no charge.
- The use of the outdoor wash pad is permitted on the following conditions:
 - ✓ During severe conditions, such as a drought, water restrictions may apply.
 - ✓ Horses must be secure at all times. They may not be left unattended under any circumstance.
 - ✓ The wash pad must be kept clean and neat at all times.
- Rear shoes are not permitted, as the horses are turned out in groups. If a medical condition requires the use of rear shoes, individual turnout will be required. All necessary charges will apply.
- Outside trainers/instructors are welcome but must be approved and provide appropriate documentation as noted elsewhere.
- All guests of boarders are at their own risk. A guest who will be riding your horse must sign a release form.
- We ask that you observe our barn hours for security and the consideration of our residents.
- We ask that you use discretion in dropping minors off unattended. We cannot be held responsible for supervising unattended minors.
- Riding:
 - ✓ Approved headgear must be worn at all times
 - ✓ If any person other than the owner of the horse intends to ride the horse, prior approval must be given by Black Horse Stable.
 - ✓ Indoor Ring hours, rules, and etiquette are posted and we ask that you observe them.
 - ✓ Any equipment or treatment that is deemed by Black Horse Stable to be excessive or harmful to the horse or other riders will not be tolerated at any time.
 - ✓ Riding may be done in the pastures, on the trail or through the neighboring development at the rider's risk. Priority is given to individual turned-out horses in the pastures.
 - ✓ Night riding is not permitted at any time.

PAYMENT

- Black Horse uses an invoicing system. Board payments are due on the 1st or 15th of each month, depending on individual Board Agreements, but invoices will be put in your stall's mailbox by the 1st of each month.
- There is a \$5.00 per day late charge for any payment received after the due date.
- There will be a \$20.00 fee for all returned checks.
- A deposit of \$150 is required of all new boarders. This deposit will be refunded provided that at least 30 days notice is given to Black Horse Stable if your horse is being moved out. If 30 days notice is NOT given, or there is unpaid damage to the stall or barn, the deposit is forfeit.
- Any service provided that is not included under "Horse Care" will be billed accordingly on the next month's statement. Examples of these services include but are not limited to:
 - ✓ Dispensation of vitamins, supplements, medication, etc. - **\$1.00 per day, or \$30.00 per month**
 - ✓ Extra Hay - **\$1.00 per serving/section**
 - ✓ Bedding - **\$3.00 per wheelbarrow load**
 - ✓ Trailering – **Costs will vary but start at \$25.**
 - ✓ Individual turn-out - **\$50 per month or \$3 per day.**

- ✓ Grain – Costs will vary – see management for details.
- ✓ Lessons - We do offer a discounted plan for boarders on our group lesson package. See management for details.
- ✓ Training – Black Horse does offer a variety of training packages. See management for details
- ✓ We do not offer grooming, tack cleaning or tacking service but we have many working students who would be happy to provide this service for you. Just post a note on our bulletin board.

These rules and guidelines are for the safety and well-being of horses and people, and will be strictly enforced. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding board at Black Horse Stable. We look forward to providing a safe and happy home for your horse.

Arthur Stafford Taylor

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