**RAVEN RIDGE EQUESTRIAN CENTER:**

**SAFETY AND HARMONY RULES**

**Safety:**

1. Know where the light switches are. Always turn your stall light off all lights and fans if you are the last to leave.

2. Latch all stall doors and gates.

3. Keep the aisle clear whenever possible.

4. Clean up behind your horse, and yourself. Leave the barn as clean, or cleaner, than you found it.

5. If you see anyone smoking in the barn, chase them out with a stick. And no, they can’t leave

their cigarette butts on the ground, either.

6. Always wear an ASTM certified helmet when mounted.

7. Have visitors complete the waiver form. Make sure they understand the form they are signing.

Anyone may refuse to sign if he/she chooses. However, they must not be around horses on

Raven Ridge Farm. Parents or legal guardians must sign for minors. Feel free to take some waivers home with you if that makes it easier to get signatures in advance.

8. Never feed, or approach anyone else’s horse without specific permission from the owner.

9. It is your responsibility to keep children or visitors safe. Especially watch out for the tendency to put their hands and arms in grain feeders, or to walk straight up and touch a horse’s mouth.

10. Wall fans may never be left on and unattended. Do not use extension cords.

11. If you have allergic reactions, make sure others know of it. If necessary, carry your EpiPen at all times. Make sure others are aware of your allergy.

12. Know where the contact list for all owners, the vet, farrier, etc is kept.

13. Chairs are not safe in the grooming areas. Please put your chair out of the line of traffic, and a safe distance from horses.

14. The First Aid kit is located in the tack room.

15. Children under 12 are not allowed in the horse pastures without an adult.

**You and your horse:**

1. You are responsible for your horse’s actions. If you have reason to expect a problem, give others advance notice and keep a safe distance away from other riders. You may need to ride in a

different location until you can control your animal.

2. Statistically, most accidents occur during daily routines around a barn and on familiar trails. Be awake, be aware, and don’t do anything stupid.

3. We all have bad days occasionally. If you are in a snit, please take it elsewhere. Your horse is a mirror of your emotional state. If you are unable to be calm and attentive, ride another day.

4. All horses must be treated humanely at all times. Use the least amount of pressure it takes to be effective. Make sure corrections are necessary, effective, and brief.

5. Use tack that fits your horse. Use the least severe equipment that your horsemanship level

permits.

6. Do not feed your horse grain or hay. This is a staff duty. If you are helping staff with a regular

feeding, follow their guidelines for hay and grain.

7. Please keep hand-feeding to a minimum. Horses tend to intrude into others personal space when looking for treats. This poses a safety hazard for staff and others.

**You and Your Dogs:**

1. The farm dogs have dibs. This is their home.

2. You are welcome to bring dogs only if you are with them and responsible for their behavior at all times.

3. Any dog that poses a safety risk to anyone or anything is barred from the property.

4. Any dog that fights is similarly barred.

**Playing Nicely With Others**

1. Raven Ridge Farm is a place for people to get away from the stress of everyday life. Please be

kind to one another, keep gossiping to a minimum, and respect one another.

2. Some people come to Raven Ridge to interact socially. Others come for peace, quiet and time

alone with their horse. Respect the difference.

3. We are all equal here. No one gets preferential treatment. Staff works for the farm, not for

individuals. Each person needs to be as independent as possible. Workers at Raven Ridge have

been specifically told to take direction from Stacey and/or David, not boarders.

4. If you have a problem or complaint, please talk to Stacey, complaining to others just sends out

waves of unhappiness. All problems cannot be solved, but none can if we don’t know about it. If

your complaint is with another boarder, talk to that person in a courteous manner. Do not spread

gossip.

5. Please put your belongings away before you leave.

6. The refrigerator is for everyone to use. It’s easy to confuse one bag of carrots with another,

though, so please clearly mark your items, or keep them in separate bags. If you’ve brought

extra, mark it for everyone to use. That said, don’t get all in a twist if someone feeds your carrots

or eats your Butterfinger. Easy, relax, keep it in perspective.

7. The radio is there for us all. If you are irritated by the sound, feel free to turn it off.

8. Mark your belongings when possible. Especially halters, lead lines, and brushes.

9. Keep your own tack space clean. Try not to spill out into the aisle or other’s space. Do not leave food in the barn. It draws mice and rats and snakes. We will dispose of uncovered food.

10.Respect differences of opinion. Respect differences of breed and riding preferences. No one’s

opinion counts more than anyone else’s. No one is allowed to teach at Walkabout Farm without

proof of liability coverage and specific permission for facility use.

13. Here at Raven Ridge, we have a history of wonderful boarders who become fast friends and a

“barn family”. Please do your part to carry on that tradition.

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