

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

1. I, _____ acknowledge that I have voluntarily entered onto the premises of **S&S Stables, LLC**.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

2. I AM AWARE THAT BEING ON THE PREMISES OF **S&S STABLES, LLC** AND PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY AT **S&S STABLES, LLC** UNAVOIDABLY EXPOSES ME TO A NUMBER OF HAZARDS CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS. I AM VOLUNTARILY PRESENT AND PARTICIPATING WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH THAT MAY ATTEND MY PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.

RELEASE

3. In Consideration of being permitted by **S&S Stables, LLC** to enter onto the premises and participate in a program or activity, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of **S&S Stables, LLC**, or any of their principals, agents, employees or representatives, for injury or damages resulting from the negligence or other acts, conditions, or circumstances, howsoever caused, by any principal, agent, employee, or representative of **S&S Stables LLC**, from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, or legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my presence at **S&S Stables, LLC** or from my participation in a program or activity at **S&S Stables, LLC**.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HORSE RELATED ACTIVITIES

Protective Attire:

- 1) To prevent injuries, you are hereby advised to wear a well-fitted helmet, hardhat or similar protective headgear that fastens securely under the chin, while working around or riding horses. Anyone less than 18 years of age is required to wear helmets. We have helmets for our riders.
- 2) You are hereby advised to always wear hard-soled, fully enclosed shoes or boots and socks to protect feet, and long pants to protect legs while working around or riding horses. Shirts with sleeves are also advised.
- 3) You are asked not to ordinarily carry food treats for horses in the pockets of your clothing as a horse looking for a snack could bite you.

The Nature and Physical Characteristics of the Horse:

While domesticated, well-trained horses are usually obedient, docile and affectionate, it is important to understand that their survival instincts are what have allowed them to survive from prehistoric time to the present day.

- 1) You are advised that horses are unpredictable by nature, with minds of their own, as are all animals both domestic and wild. The horse is excitable, high strung, and nervous by nature.
- 2) Horses are extremely strong and physically powerful. Horses are extremely heavy weighing from 600 to 1,500 pounds on the average. (That means some horses weigh even more than 1,500 pounds!) These characteristics deserve a human being's utmost respect and caution.
- 3) You are advised that when a horse is frightened, angry, under stress or feels threatened, it is the horse's Instinct to jump forward or sideways and to run away from danger at a trot or gallop at speeds up to 35 miles per hour.
- 4) You are advised that if a horse is frightened or feels threatened from behind, it may kick straight back, sideways in either direction or even forward with either of its hind legs with tremendous force.
- 5) You are advised that if a horse is frightened or feels threatened from something or someone above it or on its back, it may hunch its back and buck in a way that could throw a rider to the ground with great force. A fall from a horse will usually be from a height of 3 to 6 feet.

- 6) You are advised that if a horse is frightened or feels threatened from the front, it may naturally react by rearing up with its front legs, strike with one or both front legs, bite with its teeth, throw its head up or from side to side or run directly over whatever it fears in front of it.
- 7) You are advised that a human must always approach a horse calmly and quietly and cautiously, preferably from near its shoulder or lower neck while talking soothingly to the horse.
- 8) You are advised that loud and/or sudden unexpected movements, dropping of or waiving of objects near a horse, approaching vehicles or animals or people, ill-fitting equipment or physical pain can provoke a domesticated horse to react according to its natural protective instincts.
- 9) You are advised that the first signs of anger or fear in a horse are the sudden tensing of the muscles of the body, possibly laying its ears flat back against its head, or quickly tossing or raising its head, swishing its tail or sudden snorting through the nostrils accompanying at least one other warning sign.
- 10) You are advised that a horse can see independently with each eye, actually looking in one direction with one eye on one object somewhere in front of it. Usually the direction the ear is pointing will tell an observer where the eye is looking on the same side, and consequently what the horse is probably concentrating on at the moment.
- 11) You are advised that a horse has two blind areas where it cannot see. A horse cannot see directly behind it, or what it is eating. This is the reason it is best to approach a horse close to the shoulder, and never to surprise a horse from the rear or to reach first for the horse's mouth.
- 12) You are advised that while a horse is very sure-footed by nature, it may accidentally step on an object such as a human foot when it is balancing itself or turning about. Due to the horse's vision limitations, sometimes it simply may not see where your feet are and my step onto your foot. Also, if a horse is ridden or worked on unstable ground or slippery grass or other poor footing, or simply take an awkward step, it could fall down injuring a rider or handler. A horse might even fall onto the rider or handler.

KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN ME AND **S&S STABLES, LLC**, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

As evidence that you have read the foregoing, please rewrite the following statement on the lines below:

"I have read and I do understand the above warnings concerning protective attire and the nature and physical character of the horse."

(Write out statement here) _____

 Signature

 Signature of Parent or Guardian of a Minor

 Printed Name

Date: _____

Note: For purposes of jurisdiction, all releases shall be deemed to be executed in Miami County, Kansas.

S&S Stables has permission to use photographs taken by S&S Stables of my minor child/children for advertising purposes.

 Signature of Parent or Guardian of a Minor