

## **Responsibilities & Entitlements**

This document is designed to help everyone understand which responsibilities and privileges are attached to the various types of relationships you might enjoy with horses at Old Orchard Farm.

### **Ownership of Horse or Pony**

- ❖ You or someone who loves you, has either owned a mare, bred her and the resultant foal is now yours OR you, or someone who loves you, has bought you a horse or pony.
- ❖ You are the main person making decisions regarding your horse or pony.
- ❖ As an owner you are responsible to pay board and all veterinary and farriery costs.
- ❖ You may choose which vet and farrier you use, and you are responsible for making arrangements with them to care for your horse.
- ❖ You decide how often you want to ride (though it is best to coordinate with Linda as to when rings are available particularly during the winter when arena space is limited).
- ❖ You provide your own tack, brushes, blankets and other equipment necessary to take care of your horse or pony.

### **Leasing a Horse or Pony**

- ❖ You do not own the horses or pony, but this is closest you will get owning without actually purchasing your own horse.
- ❖ You have paid a portion of the purchase price (*usually 1/3<sup>rd</sup>*) for an agreed upon amount of time (typically a year).
- ❖ Leased horse agreements often include an insurance policy. This may be included by the horses' owner or the lessor may be required to insure the horse themselves as part of the lease agreement.
- ❖ Decisions relating to the horses' care and what can be done with the horse are made in conjunction with the horses' owner and your trainer.
- ❖ As the lessor you are responsible to pay board and all veterinary and farriery costs.
- ❖ Which vet and farrier you use should be decided in conjunction with your trainer and the horses' owner. In some cases, the owner may stipulate that a specific farrier and/or vet be used exclusively.
- ❖ Typically, you decide how often and when you want to ride though a lease agreement may include some restrictions on this.
- ❖ Typically, you provide your own tack, brushes, blankets and other equipment necessary to take care of the horse.

### **Part Boarder – Privately Owned Horse or Pony**

- ❖ You do not own the horse or pony.
- ❖ Feed, turn out and other horse care/management decisions are that of the owner.
- ❖ You negotiate the number of rides with the owner.
- ❖ The owner is responsible to pay board, and you contribute a percentage of that amount (often half). The owner is responsible for all veterinary and farriery costs. They may also ask you to contribute to those costs.

- ❖ The owner typically provides tack, brushes, blankets and other equipment necessary to take care of the horse or pony.

#### **Part Boarder – OOF Owned Horse**

- ❖ You do not own the horse or pony.
- ❖ The amount you pay only covers a portion of their monthly costs
- ❖ Feed, turn out and other horse care/management decisions are up to Linda. If you feel they need something else, please consult with Linda.
- ❖ You are not responsible for veterinary costs.
- ❖ You are entitled to 2 practise rides and a separately paid for lesson per week. Ride times are to be agreed upon with Linda.
- ❖ The horse or pony will be used by other people at the times you are not riding. That may mean the horse or pony gets ridden more than once in a day. This is up to Linda.
- ❖ Old Orchard will provide tack, brushes, blankets and other equipment necessary to take care of the horse or pony.

#### **Show Part Board – OOF Owned Horse**

- ❖ All of the above apply
- ❖ A show part board means that you don't need to pay a horse usage fee at the Old Orchard shows or a day fee for use of the horse off property.
- ❖ Show Part Board is arranged on a yearly basis only (*not monthly*) as it is unfair to book a horse for the show season unless you are committed to riding it the entire year.

#### **Project Horses or Ponies**

- ❖ OOF often has young or green horses whose education is not yet complete. There may be an opportunity for a rider with sufficient abilities to work with a horse or pony who needs more experience. This can be anything from leading to being backed or ridden and shown.
- ❖ Interaction with all non-school horses or ponies must be cleared through Linda (as must interaction with any of the horses).
- ❖ Whether or not you qualify as someone with enough experience is up to Linda.
- ❖ What you do with a project horse or pony must be decided with and approved by Linda
- ❖ Working with a horse or pony (free of charge!) does not entitle you to any ownership or management privileges for that horse
- ❖ There are no exclusivity privileges associated with project horses. You may not be the only person working with a horse or pony as someone else may have additional skills or time to keep bringing the horse or pony along.
- ❖ The goal of working with uneducated horses and ponies at OOF is to help prepare them to be useful as riding horses so that they can be used and loved by many people during their careers. As such, once their education has reached a certain level they will be required to go into the school and/or be ridden and shown by other paying clients and in some cases, they may be sold. In any case it is likely that once the horse or pony has reached a certain level, you will no longer be able to continue with them.

- ❖ We realise that these terms are not suitable to everyone, and that's okay! Those riders who cannot agree to the above should pursue ownership, a lease or part board instead.