

**BARN RULES (two pages)**

# HICKORY Boarding Stables

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Owner/Lessor is required to follow all barn rules. These are posted and subject to change. Barn rules provide parameters for safety, equal treatment of boarders, and a pleasant atmosphere for all.

**BARN HOURS – Monday through Sunday. 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.** Earlier if you're trailering your horse somewhere. Later if extreme circumstances prevail.

**DOGS** – None allowed. Dogs brought to Stable may be kept in the caged kennel near parking.

**SMOKING** – None allowed in or around barn. All cigarette butts must be picked up from parking area.

**HELMETS** – **Must be WORN by MINORS (under 18) AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING.**

**HEELED SHOES** – **Must be WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING.**

**POOL & RESIDENCE** – Off limits to boarders. The home is separate from the business.

**APPOINTMENTS** – Any appointments made by boarders (i.e., lessons, farrier, vet) should be written on the barn calendar with the time. YOU must be present for appointments that YOU schedule. **Note: The Stable uses both [Dominion Equine veterinary service](#) and [Coastal Equine veterinary service](#) in spring and fall for shots. Dates will be posted on barn calendar. The Stable's farrier is [Ron Macon with Equine Mechanical](#). Schedule 6 weeks in advance through barn management if you need farrier services. Ron does NOT take last minute requests because he likes to be on-time with scheduled clients. Payment must be provided BEFORE vet and farrier services are performed.**

## **HUMANS:**

1. **CHILDREN:** By Virginia state law, **no child under the age of (16) sixteen** is to be left at Stable without a parent or guardian's supervision.
2. **Owners, Lessors and All Guests are required to sign a release form before handling any horse.**
3. If you wish to have guests bring their horse to Stable to ride, you must first have approval from management and provide proof of negative coggins for visiting horse(s).
4. **FEED:** Barn employees permitted to feed (Hay and grain) ONLY, unless otherwise stated. Owners may feed treats they bring themselves.
5. Do not tie horses to fences or gates.
6. Do not climb or sit on fences or gates.
7. Keep barn isles, barnyard, and wash rack free of personal items such as grooming items. DO utilize the tack area and blanket and bridle bars near your stall.

## **HORSES:**

1. **STALLIONS:** None allowed.
2. Are to be turned out in designated pastures. No switching of pastures.
3. Are not to be ridden, lounged, or turned loose to graze in the barnyard or parking lot.

## RIDING/WORK OUT AREAS:

1. **If you open a gate, CLOSE IT BEHIND YOU.**
2. The Huge competition size team penning Riding Arena has a 20 meter by 40 meter DRESSAGE RING in the center, surrounded by an oval HUNTER / JUMPER path, which is surrounded by an oval path for riding without obstacles. Scheduled lessons in a particular riding discipline take precedence in that discipline's area over pleasure riding in the Riding Arena. Check the barn calendar for scheduled lessons. For example, if a jumping lesson is going on, you can either ride in the dressage ring, the oval path without obstacles or the half-mile racetrack.
3. Before entering the half-mile racetrack be aware that **the DEFAULT top speed is CANTER. NO GALLOPING ALLOWED WHEN LESSONS ARE IN SESSION** so as not to spook the horses. Therefore you **MUST check the barn calendar before galloping on the racetrack.**

## HICKORY BOARDING STABLES has two mottos:

1. "God Bless our barn family, humans and critters alike."
2. "There are no horse politics in this barn – be happy or be gone."

All horses are treated with respect. All humans are encouraged to develop relationships with their horses. Education through training and clinics that promote natural horsemanship techniques will be offered and scheduled at this Stable.

Our goal is to provide a safe, happy place for you and your horse. **WELCOME ABOARD!**

Sincerely,

Glory Boardman and Krystle Rodrique  
Co-Managers