

HARDY FARMS, INC.
7215 N. LATSON ROAD-HOWELL, MI 48855
BARN RULES & REGULATIONS

All Disciplines Are Welcome

Hours

At this time there is no restriction, we ask that you just be courteous. Try to call or stop by the office during regular business hours 8am-6pm. Remember to turn out the lights when you leave the barn or arena areas. Barn lights are getting left on, which is always a problem - please shut off when done.

General

If you open something close it, turn on something turn it off. Be courteous & share areas. If it is not yours don't use it!!!!!! If something has been broken in any of the barns please replace it or inform management to set up some way to fix or replace what has been broken.

Remember to share the farm space and arenas, cleanup after yourself and horses and farriers too! Please inform management when taking a horse out for a show, clinic, and training-anything so we don't look for your horse or think it's missing as well as what day you're leaving & will be returning. If your horse is leaving for an event and someone we don't know who is trailering your horse it won't be released unless we have owners approval.

If you are going to a show, having a vet or blacksmith out, or even want your horse kept in so you can ride please let us know the prior day or 24 hours in advance so that we can leave your horse in the next day (call, put a note on the stall or write it on the boards hanging up in the barns) if no advance notice prior to turn out there is no guarantee your horse will be in. If you are emailing please if we do not respond to your email please assume that we have not read it---for example if you are letting us know that you do not want your horse turned out tomorrow and we do not respond you may need to call and let us know.

Medical Treatment

If your horse requires medical attention ie: leg wraps or dressing change you will need to see management. Our ability to do and the fee will be determined on a case by case basis.

Let us know if you change veterinarians.

Must have a current negative coggins test within the current calendar year for our files, and to be trailered in the event of an emergency.

For all medical requirements see our Medical Record & Requirements sheet.

Parking

Park in the designated areas for each barn only (see map). Please go-slow 5mph there are kids and horses to watch for! Children play behind the house and on the cement driveways when people drive fast through there its very dangerous, Could be very dangerous to pedestrians & animals even if someone is walking or running out of the shop or barn areas. Slow down especially around corners, & blind spots.

Please do not park between the two large barns on south side of farm, the 40 stall barn or large indoor arena.

All trailers need to be parked with the other trailers or designated area. And let management know if you're parking a trailer or leaving it here. We are not responsible for stolen or damaged equipment. Try not to park on the grass or drive across the lawn/grass when wet or muddy, the lawn arenas can get ruts.

Be careful pulling in and out. We would suggest you pull in at the house driveway and pull around or walk around because of people driving so fast down the Latson Hill.

Riding Areas

Indoor/outdoor arenas, also you can ride around the edge of the fields-north of the farm up to Dean Road & the trails in the woods (locate paths behind the pastures at the woods line). Please don't ride through the middle of any fields; stay on the outside edge. This means no running through the middle! Ride around the outside of the pastures. If you ride around the hay fields please make sure that you leave no traces behind. This means when the ground is soft do not tear up the ground.

Share the arena's, be friendly and safe especially when there are lessons in place.

No riding through the aisles in any barns

October - January; if you are riding on the trails or by the woods wear something orange (hunters orange) so hunters can see you at all times.

Don't ride in the pastures it's unsafe to be riding with other loose horses.

Do not ride on property you don't know is a riding area. The stable will not be held responsible for any injury, accident and/or death occurring because you failed to stay on proper trails, fields, and roads.

The stable will not be responsible for any fines and/or jail terms for trespassing on posted or non-posted properties.

Always mount & dismount outside, unless you are riding in the indoor arena.

When riding in arenas, trails & in fields or anywhere on the farm property please watch out for animal/rodent holes, they can appear one day and not have been there the day prior. Animals are living all over the farm so please use caution. If you decide to run your horse in an open field be very careful check out the ground for holes first.

Tack - Equipment Storage - Lockers

Each stall has an assigned number your locker has the same number. You will receive a locker to keep your things in and locked up with your own lock. All of your equipment must be in the locker, keep items out of aisles and the middle of the floors. If you change stalls you must change lockers. If you're in the wrong locker a note will be put up for 7 days to remove the items, if you're not out in this time period the lock will be cut, and we won't replace it. **Lockers are for stall boarders only;** pasture boarders can get them if available.

We're not responsible for lost or stolen tack or equipment.

If you want your halter taken off in the stall it must be a clip halter only. It needs to be on your stall card.

We are not responsible for loss of tack & equipment due to theft, fire, weather damage, or act of god. Please add your equipment to your homeowner's policy.

Do not ride without safety equipment, we recommend the use of S.E.I. Approved helmets for every rider. Helmet use and fit are the rider's responsibility.

If you have found something please place it in the lost & found bin (milk crates) located in both tack room areas.

If your lead rope or halter is missing try the feed areas it might be hanging up also look in pastures.

Safety

Remember this is a working farm on a busy road! Children are to be under adult supervision at all times. No running or yelling (screaming) in the barns and arena areas. Especially when horses are present, so you don't scare or spook any equine due to misbehavior.

Please leave skates, scooters, bikes and pets at home.

Don't tie your horse with your reins or chain over the nose, all horses should be tied with lead rope & proper halter. Not bailing twine or any other inappropriate equipment. Always check your tack & equipment before riding.

Proper riding foot apparel with heels is required to ride & absolutely no sandals. Proper head protection (helmets) is strongly suggested.

Unreported incidents will be the responsibility of the boarder or lessor.

Fire Safety

The barns, tack rooms, and arenas are non-smoking areas. Please smoke outside of all barns. Extinguish all smoking materials and use the butt containers.

Fire extinguishers are available in the barns (hanging up) and tack rooms, *please make a note where they are*

Extra lights, heat lamps, bucket heaters must be pre-approved by management and may be subject to additional use charge.

Communication

We can be reached at 517-548-1898 /517- 548-9706 fax# or our email: (mdeyoung7215@sbcglobal.net). We are also available in the office during normal business hours. You may also leave a note in the tack room mailboxes. The bulletin boards are located in the small brown barn tack room & the white stall barn by the tack room door.

If you see anything that might be a health or safety problem let us know so we can check into it as soon as possible.

Please remember to keep us updated regarding your changes of address, phone numbers & email addresses. Remember to give us an emergency contact if you will be away, or the number where you can be reached. Let management know if you will be out of town or not coming to see your horse for awhile.

Please do not hang anything on the front of your stall. Use the stall clips on the door for hanging notes don't use tacks/nails. If you want your horse to stay in for lesson, farrier, vet, or other. Put a note on the stall clip or bulletin board if you'd like, 3 x 5 cards are provided to write on. Any changes or corrections to your stall card please let us know or write the correct information on the card.

Barn phone is for emergencies, local calls, short calls, or vet calls (this phone is also our home phone so please keep it short so we can receive incoming calls)

The Grey binder book by the phone has all the boarders phone numbers, vets, blacksmiths, trainers, and people that give lessons.

Also if there is a problem at the barn or an emergency with a horse and were not home please try us at: (please call in this order) 517-548-1898 barn & home 313-363-2243 Marcia cell#

Please always let management know about concerns or problems, by notes, phone calls, email, letters etc. We greatly appreciate that. If we don't know about it we can't fix it. If you have a problem or are mad/upset about something please see management, other boarders don't like to hear about other boarders complaints, when management doesn't even know about it.

Grooming

You may groom your horse in the stall, in aisle crossties where available, in the tie area by the tack room in the large white barn, on the cement barn approaches, and the hitching posts. Do not tie to stall fronts, gates, fencing, trees, and farm equipment.

Do not use the wash stall for a grooming area.

It is owner's responsibility to clean up your grooming area when done.

In the barns the mess of hair/manure in the aisle ways are pushed in front of other peoples stalls - please use manure buckets or garbage's to keep it clean.

Please do not put anything down drains—try and keep hair and mud out of all farm drains.

Bathing

Bathe your horse in the new barn wash stall or the cement areas in front of the barns. Hang hose back & once again please clean up after yourself & horse.

Don't groom or feed horses in our empty stalls we pay people to clean them daily and it adds to the cost over time. During winter months the wash rack is off limits. If used the pipes will freeze!!!!!!

Feeding

We feed grain, hay and water is supplied 24/7, even for pasture horses. Automatic waters supply the water in the warmer months in all stalls. Buckets will be hung in the winter months and are filled & cleaned out daily. All pastures have heated automatic waters, which run all year round.

If you have special vitamins, medicine etc. please put it on the stall, & let us know how to feed it with a quantity. We prefer to feed supplements in am feedings. Its nice if you put them in baggies & label them am/pm. Or put them in a small pail/bucket to hang on the stall by twine/string (no nails, screws etc.). Keep aisle ways clear of paper feed bags if a horse gets out or loss at night it can eat all the

feed & get very sick or could die. Must be in feed sheds located out back of both stall barns. Must be in good concealing barrels/containers. Supplements too - please.

If your horse needs oil added to its feed you must put the oil into a large container, which will work with our pumps, which can be purchased through us.

We recommend that treats be given in the feed dishes only.... The fingers you save could be your own! Do not give treats or feed to any other horses, many horses have stomach problems or colic with different foods.

The farm will provide up to 3 flakes of hay in the stall (unless it is being kept in for the day then it will get same amount as it says on the stall card for the day)(pasture horses eat what ever is out in pasture). One scoop of grain per feeding per day. Anything over that will be an extra charge depending on how much over.

We will adjust feed amounts at anytime requested.

Hay Description: timothy, brome, alfalfa, and red clover

Grain-sweet feed description: is 12% contains patriot horse pellets, corn, oats, vitamin E, seliuem, very little molasses (not even sticky) all is crimped & mixed. One of our feed scoops is 3.5 pounds.

Hay is fed daily in the pastures.

If you bring special feeds please keep them in tight containers so that we don't attract mice. Treats like apples, carrots, grain, etc, will attract mice, even in lockers..

We feed twice a day starting at 6 a.m. then turn out; all are out around 8 am., we bring them in around 3:00 p.m. for evening feeding and are usually all in by 5-5:30. Pasture horses are also fed twice daily outside. Any feed changes must go through management, if you need a new stall card please let us know.

Additional supplements or feed must be stored in sealed containers and in feed sheds only; **not in front of stalls or in locker room arenas.**

Board Fees

Board is due on the 1st of the month. Make your check payable to Hardy Farms and please put the horse's name & stall # on the check. Board may be mailed or placed in the black mailbox in either tack rooms, or send it in the mail.

Boarder/owner also warrants that they have good and clear title, to said horse free from any liens or encumbrances.

If an increase in board and or other fees is necessary, you will receive a 30-day notice. See price list for other items.

Other Stall Barns:\$275.00/month

Daily Rate: \$9.17

Large White Barn: \$325.00/month

Daily Rate: \$10.84

Pasture: \$200.00/month

Daily Rate: \$6.67

Overnight Boarding

\$75.00

Board must be paid by the first of the month. The late fee is \$25.00 and is added after the 1st of the month. AFTER THE 15TH OF THE MONTH A \$50.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR BOARD.

A \$25.00 fee for NSF/will apply to any returned checks.

Your horse will not be released until all outstanding charges are paid in full. If board isn't paid on time for that month Hardy Farms, Inc. has the right to not allow your horse to leave the property.

If taking your horse out please notify management 30 days prior.

Boarding stable can take ownership, custody and possession until payment in full has been rendered in good funds.

Stable has the right to sell by private sale or public auction within proper notice by certified mail to notify the owner.

Owner is responsible for all fees, even if the stable had to prepay or pay upfront for an expense for the horse. Any boarders that pay for extras (wormers etc.) please add to the next months board do not pay for items multiple times throughout the month. We have the right to charge for any damages your horse might cause to our stables whether it's to the stall, barn, fencing, arenas, etc. Normal

wear & tear is acceptable only. If you have blanket, medical, farrier or other fees you can add that to the next months board, if your board has already been paid. Please pay with cash, check, or money order, NO CHANGE PLEASE. Please also be sure to clearly specify horse, stall # owner info on check, money order etc., envelope for cash unmarked cash payments will be construed as a donation.

Liability

If you have someone else riding your horse please make sure they sign the release of liability form (there's copies on the counter/clipboard in both barns). This means friends, family, kids, any riders even if your are selling your horse any riders. If you're a minor it must be signed by a parent/guardian. One must be signed & in our files for every rider that rides your horse or is on the farm property for an equine activity.

Loss of your horse/horses due to theft, fire, weather, or act of god is not our responsibility. Please add the value of your horse to your homeowner's policy or get coverage with an equine insurance company.

Be very careful with young kids, babies, strollers, etc. "use extreme caution"

Arena Use

Arenas are dragged and watered once daily for the comfort of all.

Brown barn 60x100 open riding.

Outdoor arena open riding at all times with lights, turn them on by the switches on the poles - they take a while to warm up, so do the one's in the large arena barn.

White large arena barn 80x200 always open riding.

Open riding means that the arena must be shared, may not be blocked for lessons or training. If lessons or training is scheduled anyone can ride in on it.

Don't climb on any gates or the plastic fences, and always close (lock or latch) the gates never leave them hanging, they will warp from hanging without support. Especially in the outdoor arena both gates need to always be closed...

No free lungeing of horses unless you are in the arena by yourself. Jumps, barrels, poles & or any obstacles are to be removed completely from the arenas when done. Poles & standards can be placed inside the arena wall or on top of the arena corners in the large arena barn.

Barns

In the barns, keep all doors closed if it's windy or cold. In the large white stall barn in front during the day only lock one side of the door, so other boarders can still get back in with a horse. In the winter months we need to keep the barns as warm as possible to keep the water lines from/frost freeze & indoor wash rack from freezing.

Always keep tack room doors closed.

Stalls are cleaned & bedded daily with sawdust

Clean up after your horse including: hair, manure etc. Manure doesn't need to be pick-up in fields, trails, pastures-mainly around parking areas, barns, and the main farm areas.

Always make sure your stall door is properly locked, in the white stall barn make sure you put in the latch at the bottom, horses can get out! They could get into the feed areas.

Please don't bring other animals to the barn, especially dogs or puppies, some horses spook or don't like dogs.

The barn cats please try to keep them out of the tack room.

Please don't litter, there are garbage containers in every barn & muck buckets please only put manure in them, not rocks hair, or garbage.

No visitors allowed in the pastures or stalls. Boarders may retrieve their horses and properly tie them for visitors to view.

Pastures & Turn-outs

Horses are turned out daily to the pastures and most pastures have lean-tos. We supply salt & trace mineral blocks and the pasture is planted with a good horse pasture mix. Pastures are mowed if they don't keep them down and are harrowed to spread out the manure piles.

Individual turnout paddocks available on limited basis, fee subject to usage.

If you want your horse turned out at night it will be the boarders responsibility to do so not Hardy Farms Staff. If it gets left out all night the Staff will also leave it out during the day they will not bring it back in the next morning for the day. If your horse needs to be left in the stall for farrier, vet or for you to ride etc. Please leave a note on the stall or let management know 24 hours prior to that day. If you don't give us good notice we can't guarantee your horse will be inside

Farriers-Blacksmiths & Veterinary

Don't block the aiseways & doorways so other boarders/horses can get by.

Always pick up horse trimming, nails, horse shoes from blacksmith, we get lots of nails in tires around here! And it could be one of your tires too!

If there is a problem with something in the barn or on the farm, please let management know or put a note in the black mailbox. If you notice a sick/lame horse please notify us first.

We are not responsible for vet/blacksmith appointments you need to contact them and set-up something between you and them. Be here or have someone be here to hold your horse, even when a vet is doing a barn call with several horses you still need to set-up someone to hold your horse (horses).

They don't always have an assistant to hold horses, so if we have to hold them there will be a fee.

We don't keep track of lost or thrown shoes on horses, if we find them or notice they are missing we will contact you. Otherwise it's owners responsibility

Farrier/blacksmith area in front mare's leanto please use this area there are cross ties & please always cleanup after.

Lessons & Training

Anyone giving lesson at Hardy Farms must provide management with proof of liability insurance coverage before giving lesson or training. (Must meet our policy requirements) (see management for information).

Anyone riding must sign liability release forms. Parents must sign for minors. We have a list of trainers available and will gladly add your choice of trainer if they meet our requirements.

Remember to be courteous to other riders during a lesson.

Lessons & training available-see our list

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR HORSES

1. Never approach a horse directly from the rear. Even in single stalls it is possible to approach from an oblique angle at the rear.
2. Always speak to a horse before approaching or touching him. Most horses are likely to jump and may kick when startled.
3. If the horse hangs back on the end of the rope, lead him a few steps forward before touching him with your hand.
4. Keep your head in the clear when bridling the horse. He may throw his head or strike to avoid the bridle. Avoid bridling a nervous animal in close quarters.
5. Walk beside the horse when leading, not ahead or behind him. Always turn the horse to the right, and walk around him.
6. Use a long lead strap and both hands when leading. If the horse rears up, release hand nearest to halter so you can stay on the ground.
7. The horse is stronger than you are, so don't try to out-pull him. He will usually respond to a quick snap on the lead strap or rope.
8. Never wrap lead strap, halter shank, or reins around you hand, wrist or body.
9. Bridle reins, stirrup leathers, and cinch straps should be kept in the best possible condition, as your safety is dependent on these straps. Replace any strap when it begins to show signs of wear.

Misc.

Don't unplug the heaters in tack room/observation areas when we have water lines that can freeze & we have turned it on several mornings or plugged it back in when it's below freezing out! If the heaters are plugged in please go ahead and turn down if needed if you walk in to any of the areas where a heater is located and it is too hot please go ahead and turn it down but do not unplug it.

Please do not mess with circuit breakers at anytime. No one should flip breakers unless its an emergency on the farm and then notify management immediately.

There is also a mice problem in the small arena barn locker room - please us sealed plastic/glass container only. Plastic or paper bags don't keep mice out of horse treats & feed. Mice are destroying the boarder's things. No cardboard boxes either seal all apples, treats, carrots etc.

Move all trailers that are parked at north side of small arena barn, by front gelding's pasture. We use this driveway for event parking and it makes it tight for trailers to get through. Also very hard for us to plow snow & keep the grass cut there. If you park in front of a trailer please make sure it is yours or if you go on a trail ride, just don't block in a trailer. Unless it's easy to find you on the farm in the event someone has to get it out, don't block it in.

All new boarders seem to not ever have a locker. We have tried to fix this ongoing problem many times & never seems to work or not for long. We had a locker shortage problem, made an additional locker/farrier room area & has so far been a total waste of thousands of dollars. When boarders requested we get additional lockers. Pasture boarders don't get a locker unless they pay a rental fee of \$25 dollars per month to rent one. In the small arena barn rental lockers are numbers 31-38. So get into your correct locker ASAP! It must match your stall number only. So don't make us have to remove your items we have better things to do! If you can't get into the correct number because someone is in it, let management know & will get a note on it.

No drinking of alcoholic beverages or smoking in any barns.

When parking by the large arena barn if there is no parking left by the horse trailers & you have to park by the shop please just don't block the shop doors. Several times we can't get things in or out of the shop!

When riding in the arenas please us proper arena etiquette.

Use proper behavior at all times while on the farm property, even at events held here. If you bring outside friends, family etc. Make sure they understand & follow the farm/barn rules. Anyone riding must sign a liability form.

The farm's website www.hardysfarm.com Boarders will be able to place items in the classified section with no fee/charge or you can list your horse for sale. So check out the website if you would like to do that.

If your email address, phone number or address has changed-please contact the farm.

If you ever need a copy of the farm/barn rules let management know. Contact management if you have any questions about anything - we greatly appreciate your corporation in all matters. Thanks & ride safely!

Don't enter any other horses stalls unless you have permission from boarder/owner. No treats either! Feed your own horses.

There have been some recent incidents of well intended boarders taking part in medical care of others horses including applying ointments and removing sutures. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide care and to inform us if others will be doing care. If you are injured while caring for someone else's horse there could be many problems. You also need to remember that there may be

allergies or interactions that could turn your care into a problem. Only treat your own animals; if something isn't right or a horse is injured please contact management or owner.

Thanks
Hardy Farms - Management

Any ads/flyers etc. hang them only on bulletin boards in barns only. The sticky tape gets all over the doors & it's a mess.

TRAIL MANNERS

1. Do not canter past another horse. Trot up and ask permission to pass.
2. Put a ribbon in the tail of a horse that kicks.
3. Pick up litter & lunch sacks.
4. Do not weave in and out of line of riders.
5. Do not trot or canter on hard surface roads.
6. The whole group should ride on the same side of the road.
7. Stop if someone ahead has trouble.
8. Canter only in an area with no overhanging branches.
9. Never tie to a tree, use a picket line.

WARNING

UNDER THE MICHIGAN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY RESULTING FROM AN INHERENT RISK OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITY.

And always "think safety" & have a good ride!

We hope you, your horse, family & friends enjoy their time here.
Don't litter! ONLY LEAVE HOOFPRIENTS

Cut at dotted line & return signed form to Hardy Farms

I have read & understand all the above rules, regulations, and or suggestions. I will also make sure that anyone that is with me or I bring to Hardy Farms reads and understands all above also.

Boarder / Owner Name (Print)

Horse(s) Name

Boarder / Owner Signature

Date

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