

SOPRIS MOUNTAIN RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER HOMEOWNER AND BOARDER RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

BEFORE YOU BRING A HORSE ONTO THE RANCH, it is required that you provide the following:

1. A current Health Certificate with current inoculation history. A horse entering the ranch must be vaccinated for the following: influenza, rhinopneumonitis, encephalitis (eastern and western), west nile and tetanus, and must have a negative Coggins test if the horse is coming from out of the state of Colorado.
2. A current worming history.
3. A “Horse Registration and Emergency Form” provided by the Ranch Manager (or posted on the SMR website).

Once your horse is boarded, the Ranch will then manage the worming of your horse according to the ranch schedule. The ranch schedule for worming is May, August and November.

Annual vaccinations are strongly recommended for horses that do not travel from the ranch, but are not required. Any horse that travels from the ranch and returns is required to be vaccinated. These vaccinations include: influenza, rhinopneumonitis, encephalitis (eastern and western), west nile and tetanus to be given in spring, and an annual Coggins test if the horse travels outside of the state of Colorado. Optional but strongly recommended vaccinations for the fall are: influenza, rhinopneumonitis and rabies.

It is your responsibility to arrange your own farrier work.

The Ranch will pen or pasture your horse separately and across the fence from the herd as a means of safe introduction. After 3 or 4 days your horse will join its herd. Please note that the equestrian facilities at the Ranch are a herd environment. If your horse is unable to assimilate with its herd, the Ranch Manager may request that you remove your horse from the Ranch. Mares are pastured separately from geldings. No stallions are allowed as we do not have the facilities or staff to manage them. Foals will be allowed at the discretion of the Ranch Manager. Colts must be gelded whenever the Ranch Manager deems it necessary or within one year of birth.

The Ranch Manager will determine where each horse will be pastured. Please cooperate with this decision.

Horses are visually inspected twice daily. You will be called if there is any sign of injury or illness. In an emergency, first response medical aid will be given to the best of our abilities then you and your veterinarian will be called to take over. The Homeowner is responsible for any and all expenses for medical treatment of his horse(s).

Stalls are available for medical isolation. The horse owner is responsible for the cleaning of stalls used, as well as feeding and watering. For a fee, the Ranch staff can provide stall

cleaning, feeding, watering and limited medical care, i.e. bandage changes, etc. for an additional fee (please see fee schedule).

FACILITIES

The ARENA AND ROUND PEN are for homeowner and boarder use. Please be considerate of other users while sharing either area. There is no exclusive use of the arena.

All GATES on the ranch and on public lands are to be left as they are found. If a gate is closed, it must be re-closed and properly latched after riders pass through. **Never** leave a previously closed gate open, even for a short time.

TRAILS are well marked and a trail map is posted in the Ranch Manager's office and also can be found at the end of this manual. Please note that the trail map can change, so please review the latest map in the Ranch Manager's office before leaving on a ride. Homeowners have free use of all trails on the ranch, but should not deviate from trails and roads in consideration of other Homeowners' privacy. Boarders are only to use specific boarder trails unless when riding in the company of a Homeowner.

THE POLO/RECREATION FIELD is available for Homeowner's and Boarder's use, provided that it is not being used for an event. Please stay on the dry areas of the field as wet areas are dangerously slippery. Also, horses can cause great damage when ridden on wet areas. Riding on the polo/recreation field immediately following a heavy rainfall **is prohibited**.

No horses may be loose on Parcel 5 without halters.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

LIABILITY WAIVERS: All persons riding or handling any horse on Sopris Mountain Ranch must FIRST sign a current liability waiver, available in the ranch office and the big red barn. This includes Homeowners, their guests, trainers, farriers, groomers, etc. All such persons must read and be familiar with the Colorado Equestrian Law, which is posted at the big red barn and ranch entry gate.

There is a separate waiver for children (under the age of 18), which must be signed by a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN.

Adherence to this very important responsibility protects us all as the collective owners of the ranch.

Additional waivers are available upon request from the Ranch Manager. Sample waiver on the SMR website.

SIGN OUT: For your safety, all riders are requested to sign out before departing on a ride out of sight of the barn, indicating intended trail, time out and approximate time of return. There are many trails on the ranch, and if someone comes up missing this information will assist us in knowing where to search. There are sign out dry-erase boards at the door of both barns.

All children under the age of **18 must wear helmets** when riding on the ranch. All riders are encouraged to wear helmets. The Ranch owns several helmets in varying sizes which are available for your use.

DO NOT LEAVE HALTERS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT HANGING ON HITCHING POSTS WHILE YOU ARE RIDING! Please put tack boxes and other equipment up against the barn buildings before you depart as a courtesy to other riders.

TACK ROOMS are to be kept clean and orderly at all times. Each Homeowner is assigned one saddle rack per horse in the Heller Barn, marked with their name. Items other than saddles, bridles, halters and tack boxes should be kept in a lidded tack box or small trunk that fits under the saddle rack.

GRAIN AND SUPPLEMENTS are to be kept in appropriate air-tight and pilfer-proof containers to reduce attracting mice, rats, raccoons and other vermin. Please sweep up and dispose of any spills.

GUEST RIDERS must be accompanied by a Homeowner at all times. This applies to the arena as well as trails. If a Homeowner is unable or unwilling to accompany a guest, the homeowner must arrange for ranch personnel to accompany the guest on their ride. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

CLEAN UP: Everyone, without exception, MUST clean up after their horse when using the barn and tacking areas BEFORE and FOLLOWING their ride. Manure, spilled grain, hoof shavings, hoof debris, etc., must be swept, hosed or removed as appropriate. Manure rakes, shovels, manure carts, tubs, brooms and hoses are provided for this purpose. The concrete apron should be hosed off after use.

Please properly dispose of any manure, hay, etc., after unloading or cleaning trailers.

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