

MEADOW TRACK LIVERY



Natural Boarding Facility

Ridden, Retirement, Rehabilitation



ABOUT US

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Our facility is first commercially operating natural boarding system for horses in Ireland, with professional and knowledgeable staff on site. Run in accordance with the principles of Natural Horse Care (NHC) established by Jaime Jackson. We provide range of services and products focused around equine wellbeing. Educational services and hands on information on rehab of wide range of debilitating conditions such as: laminitis, EMS, degenerative diseases and so on.

*SOUNDNESS IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH MOTHER NATURE.*

OUR VISION AND VALUES



Humane care for horses

Our multi surfaced system of tracks extends to 1 km of grass-less habitat. We provide safe forage with feeding stations positioned along the track system. Our horses are free to socialise in a mud free environment. We have created perfect living conditions oriented around horses biological and instinctual needs. All of our residents thrive, even those going through recovery from EMS, Laminitis, and injuries. We have created habitat conducive to healing physical, mental and emotional wounds, and our first class service ensures that you as an owner receive the best value for money too.

First Class Service

Meadow Track Livery came into existence by chance. Our passion for natural lifestyle did not begin with horses. It envelops every aspect of our life. We have poured a lot of time and effort in growing our farm. Establishing a livery was a consequence of our passion for NHC that stems out of the need to understand the underlying causes of problems. We now offer comprehensive range of services, carefully designed to suit every horse.

PADDOCK PARADISE



Natural Boarding

The concept originated with Jaime Jackson and evolved out of his research on wild, free-roaming horses living naturally in the U.S. Great Basin in 1982 - 86. He discovered that the lifestyle and habitat have direct influence on horses wellbeing and hoof health. Paddock Paradise constitutes one of the four Pillars of NHC and is inseparable from the Wild Horse Model.

You can find wealth of information on Paddock Paradise and NHC at AANHCP website, through Jaime's books, or reach out to us directly.

FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO CAN SEE IT.



OUR BOARDING FACILITY



SPECIES APPROPRIATE LIFESTYLE.

Freedom of movement

We have invested in highest quality surfacing materials. Our track is primarily made with crushed stone of different sizes. Horses have two spacious indoor loafing areas with fresh bedding, and three large areas outdoors to rest, roll and play. Tracks are wide enough, extending even up to 20 meters width to accommodate larger herd of horses. Free to move, horses opt to create family bands and often separate into small units. Socialisation elicits behaviours that are essential to drive movement and build physical condition naturally through rough and tumble play.



Irish temperate climate is high in precipitation, which means it's wet during most of the year. We do not have to stable horses during winter months because they have a 100% mud free environment. Our track system has been built by an expert, with no standing water or puddles present even through the extreme rainfall events. Horses also enjoy access to a spacious, well drained riding arena.

Mud free environment



Safe forage

Agrobs is one of our main feed suppliers, they provide reliable service and a range of products we consider to be safe. What do we mean by safe? We mean that the products help in maintaining healthy microbiome in the gut. We have searched through the market carefully, so only the best products are used in our feeds. Horses also take advantage of our own hay, and seasonally growing herbs. High quality ingredients are visible in our horses hooves and their bodies. Healthy forage is essential when working with horses that require a lot of energy, those recovering from metabolic disorders, or injuries.



Specie Appropriate Diet

Natural diet for horses exists only in the wild, where human hand has not touched the ground. Our Paddock Paradise offers the best possible lifestyle and diet that is suited to the adaptation of the horse. Following the footsteps of the pioneer in the natural horse care, Jaime Jackson we have implemented safe forage based on the AANHCP Diet Recommendation. On some level we had to work from scratch, sourcing variety of nutritious grass hays. You may ask: why not grass?

We have come to understand that the grass in our climate is a silent killer. High in fructan grasses cause hind gut acidosis and lead to the three most commonly known and wide spread diseases: Laminitis, colic, and ulcers. We eliminated that risk with specie appropriate diet.



Healthy Athletes



Horses, when allowed to live their best lives on track, condition their feet on rugged surfaces. While herd dynamic improves their physical ability. Our residents are always ready for work, always "warmed up", because they move up to 10 kilometers a day! This approach to horse keeping is vital in injury prevention. In fact, movement improves circulation and aids healing.

Balanced Herd

When provided with optimum lifestyle choices, horses are safer to ride and work with. Life in a Paddock Paradise is a place where horses can be horses. Even those deprived from social interaction open up in time. We take safety seriously, and allow time for all new horses to integrate into our existing herd. Horses bond for life, and it is our preference to give a chance to horses that will make a Meadow Track Livery their permanent home. For this reason we go through a process with all of our prospect clients.



GENES LOAD THE GUN, BUT IT IS THE LIFESTYLE THAT PULLS THE TRIGGER.

Natural Hoof Care

Holistic approach of natural horse care also incorporates safe trimming method, the Natural Trim mimics natural wear patterns after the U.S. Great Basin wild horses hooves. Why? Because hoof capsule is a living, biodynamic tissue that responds to its environment. We are currently growing our professional portfolio with ISNHCP to provide best hoof care to all of the horses in our care.



"NATURE DOES NOT MAKE MISTAKES.

- Jaime Jackson



Nature's Horseshoe

Our barefoot ridden horses are the best living proof that the hoof capsule is capable of growing its own protective armour. No shoes necessary when we create environment favouring animal's adaptation.



Recovery from injuries...

At Meadow Track horses find refuge. Every horse that comes to us, comes with a story. Some of them suffered from accidents, and had been written off.

However, life works in mysterious ways. Their owners have found their way to us, to Natural Horse Care; they found hope and healing. Recovery from any accident is always an unknown, but we are equipped with knowledge on providing best conditions that favour healing process.

...and metabolic disorders.

We don't have all the answers, and sometimes it is too late to intervene. However, we fight for every horse that comes to us. Just as if it was a human life. After all, we fight for life of our client's close companions. All of our horses in different care plans are under the supervision of our veterinarians. We believe in their good judgement, and professional advise. They sought some of our horses out of laminitis, and equine metabolic syndrome. We recognise that conditions such as colic, founder, bruising of the hoof, CPL, and many other are in fact only a symptom of an inflammation in the gut. This state is called Whole Horse Inflammatory Disease (WHID) that slowly, almost imperceptibly kills the horse. You can learn more about WHID from the book: Laminitis: An Equine Plague of Unconscionable Proportions by J. Jackson.





LIVERY PACKAGES

NATURAL HORSE CARE LIVERY PACKAGES

Package description	NHC Silver	NHC Gold	NHC Platinum
	13'h ≤ €550 pcm 13'h ≥ €650 pcm	13'h ≤ €600 pcm 13'h ≥ €735 pcm	13'h ≤ €640 pcm 13'h ≥ €800 pcm
Grass-free turnout	✓	✓	✓
Morning meal	✓	✓	✓
Evening meal	✗	✓	✓
24/7 Ad-lib meadow hay	✓	✓	✓
Daily mucking out	✓	✓	✓
Mineral Salt lick	✓	✓	✓
24/7 access to fresh bedding	✓	✓	✓
Natural Trim as necessary	✓	✓	✓
Unlimited rug change	✓	✓	✓
Administering medication	✓	✓	✓
Daily hoof checks and hoof picking	✓	✓	✓
Egg worm count twice a year	✓	✓	✓
Access to private livery group with multimedia and updates	✓	✓	✓
In house horse owner workshops	✗	✓	✓
Healthy treats	✓	✓	✓
Sand arena	✓	✓	✓
<i>Protein Building Diet plan (additional hemp, chia seeds)</i>	✗	✗	✓
<i>Laminitis Care Plan</i>	✗	✗	✗
<i>Injury Care Plan</i>	✗	✗	✗
<i>Metabolic Disorders Care Plan</i>	✗	✗	✗

WHAT IS INCLUDED *in detail...*

Natural horse boarding

Grass-free turnout on mud free, fully surfaced system of multiple tracks, several spacious loafing areas outside, and indoor; ad-lib hay available 24/7 along the track, access to salt lick. Purpose built track for acute laminitis cases and injury rehabilitation. 24/7 unrestricted access to shelter on all tracks.

Daily care

Daily work includes time spent on mucking out, providing fresh hay, rugging, , change of bedding, feed preparation, administering medication and vet consultations, hoof picking, maintenance of track and any fixtures

Fresh bedding

Deep layer of always fresh, high quality bedding cleaned every day and changed weekly.

Riding arena (25m x 40m)

All ridden liveries have unrestricted access to the riding arena, availability may be limited due to clinics, or other liveries using this facility.

Communication with clients

All liveries will updates on their horses wellbeing, any confidential information will be communicated separately.

Vet consultations

Medication is always administered under the care of veterinarian that works with Meadow Track Livery. We have excellent working relationship with our local vets. There is no charge for administering any medication that is not a part of "Laminitis Care Plan" or "Injury Care Plan". Please see description of our plans detailed on the next page.

Natural Hoof Care

On site natural hoof care practitioner, facilitating natural trim method. Included in all packages .

Egg worm count (2x year)

We believe that natural horse boarding minimises worm burden much more effectively. Our proven record of very low egg counts is consistent with grass-free turn out and good hygiene kept at all times.

OPTIONAL SERVICES

in detail...

In-house horse owner workshops

At Meadow Track Livery we believe in knowledge. Knowledge is power. We want our clients to be well educated and possess insights into Natural Horse Care, so they can make better decisions in the future. Individual pricing on those workshops is displayed in the Events section on our website. Horse owner workshops are offered free of charge to NHC Gold and Platinum clients.

Morning & Evening meals

Our commercial livery caters for all horses without discrimination, we have implemented set meal times to maintain balanced herd dynamic. All horses will receive two meals in a day, this way no one gets left behind. The real difference is in the meal amount. Horses on Silver package will have %50 smaller meals than those on gold. Gold and Platinum Packages will have two nutritious meals in a day, however meal content will depend on care plan in place for the horse. For example, clients needing to build healthy muscles can opt for our Protein Building Diet Plan. Horses that are in the need to lose some weight but still need nutritious diet will receive it in our Silver/Gold Package.

Meals differ in ingredients and amounts. We take care that each ingredient is the highest quality possible. Some ingredients are human grade quality. Our different meal plans consist of Agros chaf and Agros alfalfa, Cool Stance Copra, freshly ground flax, fresh hemp, chia seeds, Progressive Earth balancer.

OUR CARE PLANS

in detail...

Protein Building Diet Plan

from €640 pcm

This diet plan is designed for horses in the need to build true muscle condition. Ideal for horses that struggle keeping weight, horses that have gone through grass detox and individual horses that are in work. This diet consists of highest quality organic supplement mixes, specifically blended together to provide all essential amino-acids. We use chia, hemp, flax, and other naturally occurring ingredients to bring nutritionally satisfying meal. The Building Diet Plan is fed on a 3 day schedule inside morning and evening meals.

Injury Care Plan

€950 - €1500 pcm

This plan is available in our NHC Platinum package. Our injured residents are given specialist care. We have successfully rehabilitated horses with stifle injury, kissing spine, suspensory injuries, amongst others. We are working closely with some of the most experienced vets in the area, and always go above and beyond to save the horses, and if possible give them the best of end of life care. Full recovery is an unknown, thus we cannot promise that every horse can fully heal. We aim at providing the best possible lifestyle to all horses.

Metabolic Disorders Care Plan

€550 - €950 pcm

Laminitis Care Plan

€950 - €1500 pcm

Our bespoke laminitis plan includes extra services such as monitoring weight. Individually tailored diet that enabled to detox all tissues. Natural hoof care, that is inclusive of any extra care i.e. applying dressings, addressing hoof pathophysiology, separate turnout on our purpose-built, grass-free track that is suited for hoses with lameness. In cases of acute attacks the prices are calculated on individual basis and start from to €950 per calendar month. Sometimes in such cases intense care must be provided, and we do take utmost responsibility to be available 24/7 if required. Laminitis Care Plan constitutes of a different diet plan when phasing out of acute laminitis. Strict regimen of safe forage is followed in all cases if results are to emerge in good time.

PRE-CONTRACT AGREEMENT



Registration

If you would like to register your interest in boarding your horse(s) with us, we will send you a form to fill in. It will ask for the information about you and your horses. This process is essential for the next step as we want to make sure both sides are fully informed on needs and expectations. We would like to ask all potential clients to be as honest as possible when filling out the forms. If un-sure please ask, we might not process the request of applicants that omit important information.

Online meeting

Once you register your interest we will meet online to discuss your requirements in more detail. This conversation will give you an opportunity to ask us any questions and we can get to know you too.

Visiting our facility

We reserve visits to our livery to any serious offers from clients. Our time and effort is best spent serving our existing clients and their horses as well as improvements on our farm. If you are genuinely considering boarding your horse(es) with us then our door are wide open. Visit times are set in one hour window to avoid disappointments. If you are fascinated by what we do and would love to learn all about it please book a consultation, there is so much more than what meets the eye to know when setting up a successful practice.

Selection process

Our work ethic and principles we follow mean we will be selective about the kind of clients we want to attract. Please do not feel discouraged about the process. We want to create a horse heaven, that is also a human heaven right here in Ireland. We will process all requests with consideration given to those wanting to provide the best, humane conditions for their horses that agree with the adaptation of these animals.



*FRIENDS,
FORAGE,
FREEDOM.*

CONTRACT

what you need to know...

Before signing the contract

Before making any financial commitments please consider everything that is included in your contract agreement. We are not the cheapest on the market, in fact we offer top of the range products and services. When you are ready to sign the agreement and have a full understanding of terms and conditions will require a deposit to secure the place at our yard.



Changing Packages

You are free to opt between different packages and plans to best suit your needs, conditions apply to horses affected by injuries and metabolic disorders.

Prices

As we invest and grow our professional portfolio of products and services our prices will be reflecting the level of service. We will always work hard to make our prices affordable.



OTHER SERVICES



Online Store

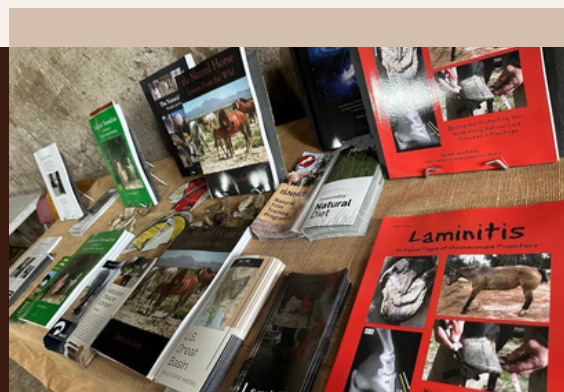
Visit our online store for growing assortment on Natural Horse Care. Our new range of soft mesh hay nets is made of high quality, durable polyester. All sizes in stock. Alternatively check out our consultation services and Events page for more.



Workshops

We will be holding regular Informational Clinics for horse owners wanting to learn more about NHC. Some will focus on specific areas such as Paddock Paradise, others will aim to connect all aspects of horse management. We invest in practical solutions. After our workshops you will be able to put the abstract concepts into realistic framework.

We will also be hosting a number of professionals on natural horsemanship, and hoof care. Check out our events page for more information.



NHC Consultations

Those of you needing some guidance but wanting to pursue the NHC path independently will find our consultation service invaluable. We have wealth of knowledge on designing and building Paddock Paradise that will last a lifetime. There are many ways to get it wrong, and few ways to make it right. At this level of investment we always recommend consulting the experts.

ACADEMIC ART OF RIDING

Why?

Holistic approach to riding decreases risk of accidents and injuries to both horse and the rider. Isn't that the goal of highest attainment of any ambitious horseman, or horsewoman? Experience taught us that safety comes first and foremost. For inspiration you can read our story on kissing spine. We don't shoe or bit our horses anymore, nor we use traditional saddles. Our best defence against lameness is well educated rider.



What is it?

Academic Art of Riding was developed by Brent Branderup, his background in classical dressage has long lineage of riding masters on highest levels of horsemanship that go back to the times of knight templars. This approach to riding prepares the horse to truly collect their body in effort to carry the rider. But the horsemanship part extends beyond the exercises to unite both in spirit. That way a collection on loose rein is possible.

Bettina Biolik

We want to work with the best people in the field that resonate with our core values. Bettina is an accomplished horsewoman.

Certified with Bent Branderup as a teacher, she has been teaching in different countries around the world. We are thrilled to be hosting clinics on the Academic Art of riding in the coming years and would love to invite you to join us. You can learn more about Bettina on her website www.academicartofriding.pl



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