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## *About SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.*

*SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.* is owned and operated by **John and Carol Land** at **2411 Waxhaw Marvin Road, Marvin, NC 28173**. Telephone number **(704) 843-4306**,  
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*SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.* offers you and your family quality instruction at all levels of riding. We cater to both the young rider [**starting at age seven (7) for riding instruction**] and the adult rider from beginner to advanced. We offer special attention to those who are afraid of getting on a horse for first time or to those who, unfortunately, had bad experiences with horses in the past. All of our horses and ponies are extremely well cared for, not overworked and are *NEVER* rented to the general public and therefore maintain their high degree of training. Riding lessons are conducted predominantly on weekday afternoons during the school months. Our riders learn in one (1) hour group lessons or in one (1) hour private lessons (the lessons usually last approximately 1½ hours due to ground work requirements). We teach and expose our students to all phases of caring for the horse and its equipment and stall as well as instruction of hunt seat equitation, jumping, trail riding, training principles, games and drill team.

We take great pride in the fact that all our horses and ponies needs are met. We also encourage our students' input and ideas and we are always available to talk to you about questions or concerns you may have. For some enthusiastic and dedicated students we usually have opportunities available for extra lessons. In addition to the riding program we offer Summer Day Clinics, On/Off Premises trail rides and Pony rides/Birthday Party Pony rides at *SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.*

All family members of our students must abide by the farm policies and rules. Please read the suggestions for safe riding poster on the barn door. Also, please read and all rules. There should be no unsupervised children in the barn or in the pasture at any time. Children should not be in the pastures without an instructor present. Please do not let your children climb on the fences or gates. Swinging on gates will break the hinges and the boards may break. Do not feed the horses treats by hand; treats may only be put in horse's feed buckets by permission.

Riding boots, helmets and half chaps are available for borrowing but they must be put away neatly after use and the boots cleaned if necessary. Abuse of this privilege will revoke further use. Please be sure that you take all your personal items with you when you leave. Coats, shoes, gloves, etc. left behind will be donated to a charity. Please throw out your trash or take it with you. If you are the last to leave, please be sure that the doors to the barns are shut and all lights are turned off.

We are looking forward to expanding your knowledge and enjoyment of horses.

# ***LESSON POLICIES and FEES***

## **LESSON POLICIES:**

**Lesson Payments** - Payment of the lessons is due at the beginning of the month. Please make all checks payable to: **Shea Rose Farm, Inc.**

**>> A \$20.00 FEE will be charged on ALL RETURNED CHECKS<<**

**Inclement Weather** - Lessons are rarely canceled. If the weather conditions prevent riding altogether or the weather becomes bad once you are here; a ground lesson will be conducted under shelter for the whole lesson or time remaining. There is so much to learn besides just riding that the time will be well used. The fee for inclement weather is the same as if you rode.

**Cancellations - Twenty-four (24) hour notice** of cancellation must be given or payment for the lesson will be due on or before the next scheduled lesson. If a student misses three (3) lessons in a row and has not made arrangements with ***SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.*** management to hold their lesson slot open for them, the student may be required to give up their slot to the next new student on a first-come first-ride basis.

## **LESSON FEES:**

**Horsemanship Lessons:** \$50.00 per lesson for 1-1/2 hour group.  
\$100.00 per lesson for 1-1/2 hour private/ \$65.00 semi-private.

**!!!!!!!IMPORTANT: IF PAYING WITH CASH BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON IT WHEN YOU PUT IT IN PAYMENT BOX!!!!!!!**

**!!!!!!!ONLY CASH OR CHECK PAYMENTS; NO CREDIT CARD OR ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED!!!!!!!**

## **Competitive Trail Rides and Over Night Rides**

**and Shows:**

- 1) Rider pays all registration and class fees and Rider's personal expenses.
- 2) Rider pays a fee for horse and tack use, transportation of horse to and from the ride and coaching at ride.

**Parental Involvement:** **We require that one (1) or both parent(s) accompany their child (ren) to all horse events. If you need further explanation, please ask John or Carol.**

**Parking:** When staying to watch, or wait for your child (ren), please park inside the fence around the riding ring. If you arrive early, open gate and let yourself inside the fence. **Be sure to shut gate so horses don't get out.** When parking inside the fence, please park straight in toward the fence between the house and riding ring below the gate to the barn if possible. **Trailers may park beside the ring and exit the upper gate. Be sure to close the gate.**  
**ALSO SEE PARKING NOTICE (page 6).**

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

## ***LESSON PREPARATION***

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**Pride in Appearance** - Proper grooming of the horse and rider is essential to the horse's good health and happiness, comfort and rider's confidence. Horses should be properly groomed and all equipment checked before mounting. Rider should be neat in appearance, in riding attire if possible, no baggy shirts, and long hair should be tied back or braided.

**Riding Attire** - Most important is your riding helmet. We do have some available but, for safety reasons, you should purchase your own as soon as possible. **ASTM approved helmets are required.** Hard soled shoes with a small heel (to help prevent your foot from sliding through the stirrup) or riding boots must be worn. Breeches and gloves are very appropriate but are not required. Stretch pants (Lycra or cotton) also make good riding pants. When the weather gets **COLD**, knit gloves with grips or leather gloves are necessary. We also recommend wearing two pairs of socks and long underwear or multiple layers of clothing.

**Purchasing Riding Attire** - Any clothing or equipment that you need can be purchased at local tack shops; some that are in the area are: Waxhaw Tack Exchange (Waxhaw), Lebo's (Charlotte), Dover Saddlery (Charlotte) and Carolina Country Store (Fort Mill); or by mail order from State-Line Tack and others.

**Lesson Preparation** - Riders are expected to be at their lesson on time to be able to groom and tack up their horse. Riders are not to be in the barn area without the instructor or an assistant instructor present. After the lesson, you will need to cool out your horse, put away your tack, and clean your horse's stall and feed/water your horse. We encourage teamwork.

**SEE GENERAL FARM AND BARN RULES ON PAGE 7.**

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# ***COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDES***

Riding students may participate in Competitive Trail Rides [**ages ten (10) and older**] whenever possible. These are some of the many opportunities we offer you to broaden your experiences with horses. Competitive Trail Rides are a lot of fun, a great learning experience, a goal to work toward and a lot of hard work. Provided we have space and you show enough interest, students may ride in Competitive Trail Rides or even come to help and learn. Students will be chosen according to their riding ability and the availability of horses. **Remember once you have signed up you are committed for the fees shown in the Lesson Policies and Fees Section so make sure you are able to come before signing up.** If you have any questions, please ask.

## **Responsibilities the Day Before the Event:**

Getting ready for a Competitive Trail Ride, as well as at the event, involves teamwork. If you are not doing anything ask someone if you can help them.

- 1) Clip whiskers, bridle path, fetlocks and coronet bands.
- 2) Clean horse [either give them a bath, weather permitting, or brush (or vacuum) until clean].
- 3) Braid horse's manes (if required).
- 4) Put all saddle pads in a pile to be washed.
- 5) Clean tack [saddle, bridle (including bit), girth, halter and lead] using saddle soap, a *little* water and elbow grease. If you run out of time, ask if you can take the equipment home to clean.
- 6) If you can't do any of the above, ask for instruction or help. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.**

## **Team Work Jobs:**

- 1) Fill grain container with grain and put in the horse trailer.
- 2) Fill hay nets/bags and put in the horse trailer.
- 3) Get grooming box cleaned out and repacked with cleaned brushes, braiding yarn (if required), sponge(s), hoof pick(s), cleaning rags, etc. and put in the horse trailer.
- 4) Clean out muck-bucket and clean pitchfork and put in the horse trailer.
- 5) Get out legs wraps and blankets (if needed). Make sure they are clean (if not, they must be cleaned before leaving).
- 6) **LEAVE TACK ROOM AND AISLEWAY CLEAN AND ORDERLY.**

## **Riding Attire for Competitive Trail Rides and Horse Shows:**

The overall appearance of the rider is very important. It will show you take pride in you and your horse and encourages confidence. For Competitive Trail Rides rider must wear an **ASTM** approved helmet and riding boots, paddock boots or riding shoes. See below.

- 1) For Competitive Trail Rides dress comfortably in riding pants, riding tights or riding breeches. If weather is cool/cold you should dress in layers. It is recommended that rider also wear a waist pack that can hold at least two (2) water bottles and some snacks for both you and your horse.
- 2) It is a good idea to wear some type of clothing over your riding clothes so that while working around your horse you stay clean. Also, bring a change of comfortable clothes and shoes (suitable for the season) to put on after you are done so you will be more comfortable.

## **Responsibilities the Day of the Event:**

You must arrive 45 minutes to 1 hour before the scheduled time to leave. (Unless other arrangements are made with John or Carol). During this time you should brush your horse until clean. Put your horse's leg wraps and halter on. Make sure all your tack, clothing and equipment is ready for the trip. **Make sure** you have everything for you and your horse. It will be too late when you get to the event.

Transportation to and from the event for riders is not the responsibility of ***SHE ROSE FARM, INC.***, so plan ahead. Make arrangements with others for carpooling. Plan on spending the day at the event.

### **Responsibilities During and After the Event:**

When you get to the event, take horse(s) out of the trailer and remove leg wraps (store leg wraps in the trailer) unload trailer and truck (if necessary). Ask if there is anything you can help with.

Watch other riders and performances. *Remember* you can learn a lot from watching other riders. **Keep track of classes and know when you should be getting you and your horse ready for your classes.**

*Try and relax, smile and enjoy yourself.* At almost all events they will have refreshments, so bring some extra money if you don't bring lunch and drinks. It is also a good idea to bring a folding chair.

It is the rider's (or riders') responsibility after the horse(s) is/are done with all classes to untack the horse(s). If the horse is hot and sweaty, he/she/they must be walked-out until cooled-down and sponged off. Clean off tack and put it and equipment in its proper place. If the event is an over night event make sure horse(s) is/are feed, watered and hayed before leaving. Also, make sure all tack and equipment is secure for the night. At the end of the event help prepare horse(s) for trip home and load tack and equipment.

Back at the stable; help unload horse(s), tack and equipment. Put tack and equipment in the proper places. Make sure trailer is clean before leaving.

### **Team Work Jobs**

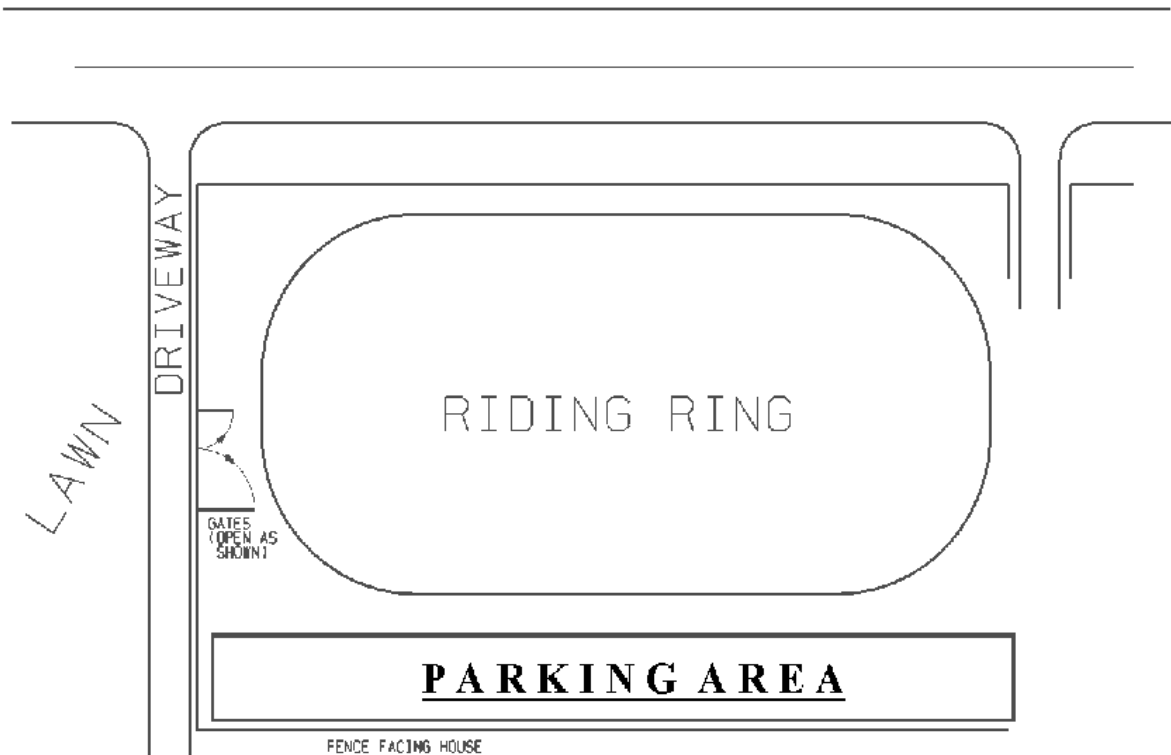
- 1) Put everything in truck and trailer away where it belongs.
- 2) Rake loose hay from trailer.
- 3) Clean manure from trailer and hose out.
- 4) Double check to make sure everything is done.

We truly hope you learned from each other, your horse and at the end of the day you feel you have become a better horse person whether you have received ribbons or not. ***SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.*** is proud to have you on our team.

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## ALL RIDING PROGRAMS – PARKING NOTICE

**THE FIRST (1<sup>ST</sup>) CAR TO ARRIVE WILL OPEN THE GATES AT THE LEFT OF THE DRIVEWAY (SEE DIAGRAM BELOW). UPON ENTERING THE GATES, PLEASE PARK PERPENDICULAR TO THE FENCE THAT FACES THE HOUSE (SEE DIAGRAM BELOW), AND BELOW THE GATE TO THE BARN. IF THE HORSES ARE OUT IN THE PASTURES, PLEASE SEE THAT THEY DON'T GET OUT. WHEN THE LAST CAR LEAVES, COULD YOU PLEASE SHUT AND LATCH THE GATES.**



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## GENERAL FARM AND BARN RULES

- **THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SAFETY TO ALL RIDERS, HORSES AND GUESTS.**
- **ALL RIDERS** must **ALWAYS** wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet and riding boots, paddock boots or riding shoes when riding.
- **DO NOT CLIMB OR SWING ON GATES.** It could break the gate and will be you're responsible to repair or replace it at your expense.
- **DO NOT CLIMB OR SIT ON FENCES.** It could break the fence and will be you're responsible to repair or replace it at your expense.
- **MAKE** sure all lights are turned off and barn/stall doors are closed and latched when you leave.
- **ANYONE** handling or riding a horse must sign a "Hold Harmless Agreement".
- **NO SMOKING.** Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the premises.
- **NO DOGS ALLOWED.** We love dogs; however, a dog can spook a horse and cause someone or the horse to get injured.
- **NO DRINKING** of alcoholic beverages or drug use is allowed on the premises. Anyone found to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will be asked to leave.
- **KEEP** the aisle clean of tack, brushes, halters, manure, etc.; if you or your horse put it there, pick it up!
- **RIDERS** are responsible for keeping the barns, tack room, areas around the barns and arenas clean. If you see trash lying around, pick it up and deposit of it properly.
- **ALL** vehicles must be parked in parking area. Do not drive to the barns without permission from farm owners.
- **DO NOT HANDLE** horse unless instructed to by instructor or farm owners.
- **DO NOT FEED HORSES** unless instructed to by instructor or farm owners.
- **DO NOT GIVE TREATS TO HORSES** unless instructed to by instructor or farm owners.
- **NEVER** mount or dismount horses while in the stalls.
- **CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BARN AREA** (except riding students) without supervision of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at all times.
- **NO** running, yelling or playing in or around the barn area, especially when horses are present. The farm cannot be held responsible for any injury, accident and/or death associated with scaring or spooking an equine due to inappropriate behavior or misbehavior.
- **HALTERS MUST BE REMOVED** from horses in stalls and pastures.
- **DO NOT** tie your horse with your reins. All horses are to be tied with lead rope and halter.
- **ALWAYS** have your tack checked by your instructor before mounting and riding.
- **ALL** injuries, accidents and damages must be immediately brought to our attention.
- **HAVE FUN; ENJOY THE JOURNEY AND PRACTICE LOVE, LANGUAGE AND LEADERSHIP IN EQUAL DOSES WITH YOUR HORSE!**

**Thank you for your cooperation, The Management**

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