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## *About SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.*

**SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.** is owned and operated by **John and Carol Land** at **410 Eade Road, Etowah, NC 28729**. Telephone number(s) [(Carol - 704-578-9020) (John – 704-577-0719)], E-mail address: [SheaRose@mindspring.com](mailto:SheaRose@mindspring.com). Website: [www.shearosefarm.com](http://www.shearosefarm.com).

**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 Weekly Overnight 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***

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### **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 \$25.00 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:** \$65.00 per lesson for 1-1/2 hour group.  
\$100.00 per lesson for 1-1/2 hour private/ \$85.00 semi-private.  
\$150.00 Dupont or Pisgah 3-hour trail ride.

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

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

**Parking:** When staying to watch, or wait for your child (ren), please park facing the fence around the parking lot. **Be sure to shut all gates into the pasture so horses do not get out.**  
**Ask about Trailer parking before bringing your trailer to the farm.**

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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## LESSON PREPARATION

**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.

**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.

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## Off Farm Trips

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.

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 bridle path.
- 2) Clean horse [either give them a bath, weather permitting, or brush (or vacuum) until clean].
- 3) Braid horse's manes (if required).
- 4) Clean tack [saddle, bridle (including bit), girth] 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.
- 5) If you cannot 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) **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 atleast 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. Be 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.

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

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

*Try and relax, smile, and enjoy yourself.* At almost all events they still have refreshments, so bring some extra money if you do not 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.

# SHEA ROSE FARM, INC

## 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 are 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 are 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.
- NOTICE: This is an equine facility. All activities on these grounds are subject to the Equine Inherent Law. By your presence on these grounds, you have indicated that you have accepted the limits of liability resulting from inherent risk of equine activities. THIS IS NOT A SPECTATOR FARM. All persons at this farm will be regarded as participants and limited by the INHERENT RISK LAW.
- 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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## **SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL LISTED

**I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES, RULES, AND FEES FOR RIDING/VAULTING LESSONS AT *SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.* AS DESCRIBED IN THE LITERATURE PRESENTS TO ME/US BY THE MANAGEMENT. I/WE FURTHER AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE POLICIES, RULES, AND FEES.**

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SIGNATURE OF RIDER (Spouses must sign for themselves)

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN  
OR SPOUSE

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NAME OF RIDER (Please Print)

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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NAME OF RIDER (Please Print)

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DATE

Address in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

RIDER, FATHER, OR SPOUSE

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MOTHER

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Best email to convey information about Riding Lessons)

Please return this page, signed, to the management of ***SHEA ROSE FARM, INC.***

Thank You

Carol and John Land  
Shea Rose Farm, Inc.

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