



## **WELCOME, VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS, TO ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY!**

We appreciate your support. In order to maximize your experience safely, we require you to read, sign, and initial the Waiver of Liability (General and Specifics) and the Rules and Regulations.

Please print and read this document. After reading each statement, initial the blank to indicate your agreement. This form is good for up to two adults and three minors. All adults represented must initial the appropriate spaces. Please return signed and initialed pages 1-8, electronically or in person.

Thank you for your cheerful cooperation!

**I, the undersigned, understand that I am assuming all risk if I am hurt during events, volunteering, or horseback riding. I will inspect the premises and, if at any time I feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately refuse to participate in any activities and will leave the premises immediately. These same assumptions apply to the minor(s) above for whom I am the legal guardian.**

**MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY EVENTS (SPECIAL OR OTHERWISE) AT ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Please select the reason for your visit below. You can choose more than one option if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am attending an event and/or fundraiser; include name and date of event below.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am trail riding for one day (not at an event or fundraiser) on: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am trail riding for a weekend (not at an event or fundraiser) on: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am trail riding for the month of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am trail riding for the year of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am volunteering at the Sanctuary.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am visiting the Sanctuary on: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are bringing a horse/horses, please indicate the number and size of the trailer(s) you are bringing. If sharing a trailer with another participant not on this form, also let us know. This is to plan parking.

### Participants: Adults

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Riding Level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Riding Level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants: Minors**

Name of Minor (under age 19) (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Riding Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guardian (above): \_\_\_\_\_

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**ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.**

**General Waiver of Liability Agreement**

In consideration of the opportunity afforded me to participate in events (special or otherwise), volunteering, and horseback riding sponsored by ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC., also referred to as ORR PROPERTIES, LLC, on the grounds located on the following described real property, to-wit: parcel of land located in Chambers County, Alabama. This parcel includes, but is not limited to, ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. campground and any facility located thereon being operated by ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.

This waiver serves as recognition of the possible dangers to which I voluntarily subject myself by participating in events (special or otherwise), volunteering, horseback riding, and any other related activities associated with ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. Knowingly, freely, and voluntarily, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives,

I understand that by initialing and signing this waver, I waive any right or cause of action of any kind whatsoever arising because of my participating in events (special or otherwise), fundraisers, volunteering, horseback riding, or any other related activities located on or adjacent to said described real property from which any liability may or could accrue to ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC and/or ORR PROPERTIES, LLC.

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(Continue to Specifics)

# ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.

## Waiver of Liability Agreement: Specifics

1. I assume all risks of injury and danger to myself, including death or any other accident, while participating in any activities incidental thereto. I know that the risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions and inactions, and the actions or inactions of others participating in the events.  
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2. I assume all risks of injury to myself and to my property while present at ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.; I understand that the activities of riding, or the event, are dangerous and can result in being seriously injured, including being paralyzed or killed; I understand horseback riding participants are encouraged to wear a helmet; I will utilize all safety precautions while volunteering or visiting ORR RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.  
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3. For myself and my heirs, personal representatives, or assigns, from the date of this release and waiver agreement, and forever hereafter, I hold the said owners and ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, harmless and blameless for any injury to myself, including death, occasioned by my participation in, or presence at, any activities, whether resulting by or through the negligence of the owners, or ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, their agents, officers, volunteers, or employees. Should I, my heirs, personal representatives, and/or my heirs' legal representatives and/or assigns take action, I hereby agree to pay all costs of such action, including attorney's fees and court costs incurred by them.  
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4. I have read the **Appendix** regarding specific behaviors and inherent dangers of the presence of horses, cows, goats, dogs, and roosters. I agree to heed all advice given, and to ask the directors of ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. if I have further questions about the animals.  
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5. I agree to abide by ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. Rules and Regulations included in this document.  
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6. I also understand that under Alabama law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury or death of a participate in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.  
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7. I understand that participants may take photos during the event (from the beginning date through the ending date, and during all times in between, whether taken or “personal time” or otherwise), however, neither participants nor their agents may use such photos for any commercial purposes without the express written permission of ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. addressed under separate written agreement with ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. Participants may share their photos in which event participants acknowledge that by doing so, such photos may be used by ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. I further acknowledge that participants agree that their name, address, phone, email address, and other information contained herein and/or learned by ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. during the event may be shared with other registrants, vendors, sponsors, and/or used for any other promotion or reason by ORR FARM RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC., as it, in its sole discretion may determine. I hereby agree to waive my rights of privacy or publicity with the regard to ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC (and those acting under their authority), copyrighting, distributing, televising, publishing, and using in any way the audio and visual portions of any film and photographs of me or of interviews, scenes, or other sequences in which I may be included, and any reproduction thereof, anywhere at any time through any media for advertising, promotion, trade, television programming, or other lawful purpose whatsoever, and I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation with such use.

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8. I understand and agree that this release applies to all participation and former events and activities, current events on this date, and all future events. This agreement shall remain in effect from the date signed until termination by me in writing and shall apply each time I, my child(ren), or any person that I sign for as a guardian participate in any activities in, on, or around ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. regardless of frequency. Any termination of this agreement shall be in effect only with respect to activities occurring after the date of termination and shall have no effect of the validity of the agreements or releases set for herein with respect to any event occurring prior to such termination.

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# ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.

## Rules and Regulations

In order to participate in events, fundraisers, or volunteering, participants must read and initial each rule. By initialing, you agree to follow the rule.

### General

1. Participants must follow the rules of ORR and the instructions from ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. staff before, during, and after the ride, fundraiser, or event and/or during volunteering hours.  
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2. Minors must be accompanied by an adult at all times while participating in any events (special or otherwise), fundraisers, visiting, and volunteering at the Sanctuary.  
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3. Participants must act responsibly around all animals at the Sanctuary (see **Appendix**), with the full understanding that said animals are large, unpredictable, and potentially dangerous. Participants will not ride or act in an unsafe or reckless manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone.  
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4. Participants agree to assume all risks, financial, physical, and otherwise (see **Waiver of Liability Agreement: Specifics**).  
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5. Participants agree to stay behind any tape, which indicates areas off-limits to visitors.  
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6. Littering of any kind is prohibited. Pack it in, pack it out. Do not burn or bury trash. Disperse manure piles away from camp daily. Deposit solid human waste in cat holes by digging them 6-8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water sources, camps, and trails. When breaking camp, visually sweep the entire area for any items left. Retrieve and remove any temporary trail markers you have placed.  
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7. Smoking is prohibited on the trails (vaping is allowed). Smoking is tolerated in other areas of the property, however, smokers must dispose of cigarette butts properly. Littering, including cigarettes butts, is absolutely prohibited.  
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8. Alcohol is prohibited unless approved by a director. Glass is always prohibited.  
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9. Participants are not allowed in the cabin/resident home on the property, on the trails, or anywhere on the property at ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. without permission from the owners. All participants must sign the wavier and rules, pay the membership or event fee, or be subject to removal from the property.  
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10. Close each and every gate at you enter or exit a stall or pasture. This can be a life-or death situation. Participants must have permission to enter an animal's habitat or enclosure.  
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11. Only feed animals snacks or treats approved by the director.  
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12. Participants must read about the specific behaviors of our animals in the **Appendix** and follow all precautions suggested.  
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#### **Personal Animals**

13. Dogs must be leashed unless on the dog trails, when dogs must respond well to free dog recall/heeling with voice commands, hand signals, and/or electronic collars. Dogs are not allowed at fundraisers or events without permission from a director.  
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14. If your horse is prone to kick, tie a red ribbon to its tail.  
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15. Know the range of your ability to manage, care for, and control your particular horse. Always act within the limits of your ability to maintain reasonable control of your horse or one borrowed from ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.  
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16. Stallions are prohibited without express permission from the director.  
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17. Drinking areas for horses and dogs are provided. Participants are responsible for keeping their animals hydrated.  
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## **On the Trails/Riding and Camping**

18. Campfires must be confined to a pit provided by participants. Use only downed limbs smaller than one's wrist. Participants should bring their own firewood.

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19. Stay on the trails. Respect wildlife by storing food and trash in secured containers. If your presence affects wildlife behavior, you're too close.

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20. Do not pass the trail master on guided trails.

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21. Protect the trails. Tie horses with a tree saver if you have one. Fill in areas pawed by horses to help regrowth.

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### **Positivity**

22. Remain positive and bring good energy to the Sanctuary. Be considerate of others and maintain a calm composure. When encountering other trail riders, greet them and ask to move to the safest side of the trail. Be polite. This rule is strictly enforced, and excessive negativity can result in being asked to leave the property.

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23. Respect all animals at the Sanctuary. We have a zero-tolerance policy toward chasing, yelling at, teasing, or acting aggressively toward any animal on the farm. Pursuing an animal that is walking away from you is considered chasing.

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24. Destructive drama toward animals, humans, property, or the general ambiance of ORR FARMS RESCUE AND SANCTUARY, INC. will not be tolerated.

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### **Of Note**

25. Any participants causing a problem due to violence, disorderly conduct, being under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs while on the ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. or ORR PROPERTIES, LLC. at any time, whether in the camp area or on trails, is subject to immediate removal from the events, without any refund of donations or fees paid.

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# **ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC.**

## **APPENDIX**

### **Understanding the Behavior of Our Animals, from our Director, Chanoah Orr**

The animals here at the ORR FARM RESCUE & SANCTUARY, INC. are turned over or rescued from various circumstances. They may be afraid of you. They may be curious about you. Below I will outline the best ways for you to approach animals so that you have a safe and enjoyable experience here.

#### **ALL ANIMALS**

- Despite domestication and taming, all animals have a wild soul. Even the gentlest animal can hurt a person, intentionally or not.
- Be mindful of anything that might startle an animal, or make it perceive you as a threat.
- Wear sturdy shoes (hiking or cowboy boots if possible) and jeans around the animals.
- Some animal work requires work or garden gloves.
- If you have any questions about the animals at the Sanctuary, PLEASE ASK! We are here to educate.

#### **HORSES**

- Horses are very large, weighing between 1000-2000 pounds. Always keep track of where you are in relation to them. It's your responsibility, not the horse's, to be mindful of their size!
- Be aware of your feet! Wear substantial shoes or boots.
- Some horses kick. Stay at least six feet from their hind quarters if possible. If there's not enough room, put your hand on their rump to let them know you are there and walk close to them.
- Never run or jump behind a horse.
- Don't make loud noises around horses, like yelling, screaming, or popping balloons. This could startle them and you could get run over by a flighty horse.
- Don't put your face near or on theirs (no nose kisses, sorry). If they were to raise their head quickly, it could break your nose.
- Keep your hand flat when offering treats.
- Know that horses and other animals have a "flight zone," or a personal space surrounding them where they feel safe and comfortable. If you come within that zone, the animal will move. Respect their flight zone.
- Horses reflect the energy you bring. They appreciate a calm, gentle, loving presence.

## COWS

- Cows and bulls can weigh over a ton. While cute, they can be extremely dangerous! Being knocked down or run over by a large animal can result in bruises, broken bones, or death.
- All bulls, beef and dairy, can be territorial and may attack if you disrupt them when they are breeding.
- Bulls can never be trusted. Use extreme caution around bulls. Always know where the bull is when out feeding the herd.
- Cows with newborn calves can be aggressive. Never turn your back on them. A bawling calf can trigger a hostile reaction from a mama cow. If going into the pasture to ear tag or check on baby calves, take someone with you for assistance if possible.
- Do not walk between a mother cow and her calf.
- Cows are unable to see directly behind themselves and are easily startled. To avoid startling, speak gently to them; do not yell or scream.
- Never beat your cattle with sticks, clubs, canes, etc... NEVER EVER run or chase them.
- Do not rub their foreheads. This will trigger them to ram you.
- Always plan an escape route in case you run into trouble.
- Always respect a cow's flight zone.
- Never mistreat cattle! If you see another volunteer beating, hurting, or disrespecting an animal, take remedial action. Alert the director at once.

## GOATS

- Goats can be incredibly affectionate, curious, and playful beings, but there are times when they prefer to be left alone. Even the most docile goat in our sanctuary might decide they need some alone time. It's critical to recognize the signs before caution turns to agitation, or worse.
- Even on a peaceful sanctuary pasture, frightened or upset goats can easily cause injuries to well-meaning caregivers and visitors.
- A goat will use many different tactics, typically in combination, to let you know they don't want you around. These signs include:
  - Walking away as you approach
  - Loud vocalizations as you approach
  - Lightly to moderately pawing at the ground or stomping
  - Arching their body and raising their hackles
  - Full body trembling or shaking
- If a goat tells you their discomfort through these signals, you should immediately demonstrate that you mean no harm by backing away slowly from them.
- If the goat does not feel you've alleviated its discomfort, it will escalate its body language. Signs include:
  - Stomping aggressively at the ground
  - Holding their head up high, tipped slightly toward you

- Getting into your personal space while maintaining a confrontational attitude
- Blocking your path by cutting you off and turning sideways
- Rearing up at you
- “Hooking” you into a corner or wall with their horns
- Attempting to bite, headbutt, or horn you
- While most goats are not in the position of causing serious injury to humans, larger breed goats and those with horns may do some harm if they feel like they have to avoid danger.
- Just like horses and cows, goats have a flight zone. Different goats have different flight zones. This depends on many factors, especially the level of trauma in their backgrounds. Recognize and respect their flight zone.
- If you breach a goat’s flight zone, they might bolt, or display signs of fear or agitation.
- Do not get cornered! If you are cornered or in a tight space with a large or horned goat who is frightened, they might become confrontational with behavior such as chasing, cornering, biting, kicking, problematic mounting, or other actions that may cause mental or physical discomfort or injury to another individual.
- They may try to block another individual’s access to food, water, shelter, or other resident.
- Goats may panic and try to get away by any means necessary. Always have an escape route for you and the goat. Take your time approaching the goat to gauge how they react as you draw near.
- Loud noises can spook, agitate, and trigger flight and charge responses in wary goats. Try to be cautious with your volume around goats, and keep talkative dogs away from them. Do not yell at goats.

## **ROOSTERS**

- By understanding rooster behavior and implementing protective measures, it is possible to enjoy the company of these beautiful birds.
- Roosters are territorial creatures and often perceive humans as a threat.
- Rooster attacks can be prevented by avoiding their territory, establishing dominance, building physical barriers, and making loud noises to scare them away.
- Preventing rooster attacks is vital for your safety and for those around you.
- Following are tips to prevent rooster attacks:
  - Avoid entering the rooster’s territory; roosters perceive humans as a threat when they enter their space. This is especially important during breeding season and at night when they are more active.
  - If you can’t avoid entering the rooster’s space, consider installing physical barriers such as fencing or screens to separate yourself from the rooster, especially if you have children or visitors. Consider carrying a broom or stick.
  - Establish dominance over the rooster. They respond well to confident behavior and clear boundaries. Use a strong yet gentle approach when interacting with them.

- Roosters are intimidated by loud noises. If threatened by a rooster, clap your hands and make loud noises to scare it away from you.
- In the event of a rooster attack, it's crucial to remain calm; do not show fear. Roosters are incredibly perceptive of your emotions.
- During an attack, slowly move away from the rooster, using a broom, stick, or other object to keep them at bay.
- Protect your eyes, face, and other sensitive areas of the body, and seek medical attention if necessary, afterward.
- Roosters can cause significant injury with their sharp claws and beaks. It is essential to follow these precautions around them.

## **DOGS**

- Most of our dogs are nice.
- Beware of the little dogs; they may nip if startled.
- Dogs may bark and jump on you. Do not encourage this.
- If they jump on you, say, "OFF!" and bring your knee to your chest to block them. Then have them sit and pet them on their chest.
- Children should be supervised, and never put little fingers or hands near dogs' mouths.
- **DO NOT ALLOW DOGS TO ESCAPE FROM ANY ENCLOSURES!** Use caution to ensure they do not run past you through gates.
- Some of the rescue dogs can be aggressive due to being timid, or from being in previous abuse situations. Always use precautions around rescue dogs.
- If you have any questions about the dogs, ask the director.