



A&A EQUESTRIAN PINELLAS HORSE

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Located at Sidekick Stables, 7585 78th Ave, Pinellas Park
727-637-3022 or 727-215-4474



Rider's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Name of any other adult involved with bringing the rider to lessons: _____

Email _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Text Okay? _____

Alternative Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

THE LESSON AGREEMENT

THE LESSON

Lessons *average* one hour.

This may include groundwork such as teaching proper grooming and tacking up for beginners.

Depending on the horse, weather, rider, and other factors, you may only be in the saddle for 30 to 45 minutes.

And sometimes you may be in the saddle for an entire hour. Horses are not machines. We do not rent them out by the hour like scooters.

You are paying for our knowledge, time and use of horse, tack, and other equipment.

Please show up on time. If you are late to your lesson, the rider will have less time on the horse. Our instructors often schedule back-to-back time slots. We will not shorten our next lesson because you were late.

If you are early to your lesson, you should wait for your instructor to come get you from the porch and escort you back into the barn. Once the student can groom and tack the horse up to specification alone (the instructor will advise when) then the student may come 10 minutes early to get the horse ready for the lesson.

Bring water to the lesson and remember to carry it out to the arena to stay hydrated while riding.

THE RIDER

You must sign the liability and medical release form before riding. A Parent or Legal Guardian must sign the form before children under the age of 18 can ride. By signing the release form, you are verifying that you have sufficient health insurance for the rider and agree to pay for all medical expenses if any should arise from a fall or other injury from a horse or pony. All visitors must have a release form on file.

In order to move up to intermediate lessons, the rider must prove they can properly groom, and tack up the horse without assistance from the instructor. They must show awareness and safety inside the barn and when leading the horse out to the arena. They must demonstrate proper control and balance at a walk and trot.

We require the same level of commitment as any other sport. If you cannot commit to weekly lessons due to gymnastics, dance, soccer, baseball, or any other sport, we understand and will fit you in where we can, but you will not receive the discounted intermediate lesson price or any other monthly prepaid discount. **We cannot guarantee a weekly riding spot to the occasional rider.**

REQUIRED GEAR

A **riding** boot with a half-inch heel should be worn while mounted at all times. Students **MUST** provide their own boots. **NO FLIP FLOPS OR SANDALS ALLOWED IN THE BARN AREA!** If you aren't sure your rider will continue their horse interest, then a closed toed shoe like a sneaker will suffice for the first couple of lessons. After that you'll need to acquire a boot made for riding (not dancing).

SEI/ASTM certified Riding Helmets must be worn while riding. It is recommended that the student obtain their own helmet, however loaners are available at the barn. No Bicycle Helmets are allowed. Do not buy your helmet on consignment or used.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Full payment for individual lessons is due before the lesson begins.

We do not offer sibling discounts.

We have a prepaid program that offers a \$5 discount per lesson if you pay for all your scheduled lessons before the 1st of the month. Please get with your instructor if you'd like to join this program.

CANCELLATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

Lessons are scheduled for a particular day and time. This is your **weekly time slot**. If you know that you're going out of town during a certain holiday, please let your instructor know well in advance.

Cancellation Policy:

- Any cancellations must occur 24 hours before the scheduled lesson time. If a cancellation occurs in the 24-hour time period, payment is still owed to your instructor.
 - If you miss 3 lessons in a row or if you are inconsistent with your attendance, your lesson spot is likely to be filled, or you will be given the option to pay monthly tuition.
 - Makeups will be provided at the instructor's discretion.
 - No shows without payment will immediately be pulled from the schedule.
- If you are planning on being out of town, and this is communicated in advance, we will hold your lesson spot for 3 lessons, if longer, you will have to pay to hold the spot.
- Rain does not guarantee a cancellation! Check with your instructor if you are worried about the forecast.
- There will be **NO REFUNDS** for missed lessons. If you miss a gymnastics, dance, or cheer class, they do not offer refunds either. We are sometimes flexible and may offer an alternative time for a make-up class, but that is *solely up to instructor discretion*.

THE HORSE

A horse will be assigned that is worthy of the day's lessons. Check the calendar before you come to find out who you are supposed to ride but then check with the instructor as sometimes horses do not cooperate with our best laid plans!

Everyone will be required to tack up their own horse. In the case of small children who are unable to do so alone, someone will help. When the student can tack up on his/her own, the student can come to the lesson 10 minutes early to get the horse ready. In the case of small children or those that need assistance, groom and tacking up are always part of the lesson. All horses must be well groomed prior to being ridden. The appearance of one's horse reflects on the rider. All tack must be properly fitted. Check for the proper fit of both the bridle and saddle every time you tack up your horse. Even though the instructors will always double check your tack, it is your responsibility to make sure that everything is adjusted properly for your lesson. **DO NOT MOUNT THE HORSE UNTIL YOUR INSTRUCTOR CHECKS YOUR TACK!**

If the horse shows signs of illness or injury, notify the instructor prior to saddling so that it can be treated and determined if the horse is fit to ride. A horse must be properly cooled out and cared for after the lesson. All tack must be wiped down and put away properly. Your instructor will show you how.

NON-RIDING VISITORS

Siblings or friends of students must be with a parent or guardian at all times. The riding lesson is only for the child who is scheduled. Siblings are welcome to watch the lesson but are not allowed to participate. Release forms are required of all visitors including siblings. All non-riding visitors must sit on the outside of the arena or in the car.

The stable is not a playground. Do not bring electric or remote-control cars, balls, or any other loud toys to entertain siblings and friends during lesson time.

Please do not wander throughout the barns unaccompanied by staff or instructors. Please do not touch or feed any horse. Not all horses in the barn are lesson horses. Some horses can be aggressive. Some owners can be protective.

I have read and agree to the above Lesson Agreement.

Rider Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

We reserve the right to amend the lesson requirements at any time. If amendments are made to the lesson agreement, a new agreement will be passed out before lessons.

MEDICAL RELEASE AND LIABILITY

I _____ (parent or legal guardian) have enrolled my child _____ to participate in the A&A Equestrian Coaches summer program and hereby agree as follows:

I understand and agree that Alisha McGinnis and her employees will provide care for my child during riding activities.

I also understand that children may not be dropped off before the scheduled lesson time and that parents must stay with child until the instructor is present.

In the event of an emergency where I am absent, I hereby give consent for my child to be transported if needed to any emergency facility and to be administered any necessary treatment by emergency staff and physicians. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to provide for any medical cost/expenses which may be incurred by my child.

I acknowledge that my child’s experience in horseback riding lessons, summer camp and club programs at Sidekick Stables will be outdoors, often in direct sun with minimal shade, and around wooded areas. I understand there is a chance of my child coming into contact with the following hazards including (but not limited to): horses, ponies, sun, ticks, fire ants, spiders, poison ivy/oak, wasps, snakes, and bees, etc. I further acknowledge that the site and its staff are not responsible for any bug bites, sunburns, or possible illnesses that may result from my child taking part in the outdoor activities. I hereby release A&A Equestrian Coaches LLC and Sidekick Stables, their instructors, board members, volunteers or helpers and Alisha McGinnis, from all claims, actions, demands, costs, liability expenses or judgments whatsoever including attorney’s fees and costs, which might arise in my child participating in this program.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

My Insurance Carrier _____ Policy or group number _____

Any allergies _____

In the event medical records are needed, call Dr. _____

In the event I cannot be reached please notify: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Emergency contact numbers for parents _____ .

Photography Release

I hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by A&A Equestrian Coaches, Pinellas Horse and Sidekick Stables of any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me/my son/my daughter/my ward for promotional printed material, educational activities or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Participant’s Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Adult Signature: Parent or Legal Guardian for Minor Child)

WARNING UNDER FLORIDA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OR, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

I, _____ **HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE** indemnify, hold harmless and forever discharge, **SIDEKICK STABLES, LLC, HUNTLY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, A&A EQUESTRIAN COACHES, LLC, ALISHA MCGINNIS, CAITLIN SEUBERT and their EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS**, from any and all claims, demands, debts, contracts, expenses, cause of action lawsuits, damages, and liabilities of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that I ever had or may have, arise from or in any way related to my equine activities on the premises of land owned or leased by **SIDEKICK STABLES, LLC, HUNTLY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, A&A EQUESTRIAN COACHES, LLC, ALISHA MCGINNIS, CAITLIN SEUBERT and their EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS** in the county of Pinellas in the State of FLORIDA, provided that this waiver of liability does not apply to any acts of gross negligence, or intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct.

I understand that the activities in which I participate are inherently dangerous and may cause serious or grievous injuries, including bodily injury, damage to personal property, and/or death; that horses by their nature are prone to kick, bite, shy, buck, stumble, bolt, rear, or exhibit signs of general unpredictability, and that the land may pose such dangerous conditions due to snakes, insects, ditches, erosions, sharp rocks, culverts, fallen trees, branches, snow and mud, or other natural and man-made hazards. On behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I waive all claims for damages, injuries and death sustained to me or my property that I may have against aforementioned released parties to such activities.

By this waiver, I assume any risk, and take full responsibility and waive any claims of personal injuries, death, or damage to personal property and real property owned by **SIDEKICK STABLES, LLC, HUNTLY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, A&A EQUESTRIAN COACHES, LLC, ALISHA MCGINNIS, CAITLIN SEUBERT and their EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS**, including but not limited to riding horses on the land, using the land in any manner, form or fashion, and engaging in any outdoor activities, or other related activities on and off the premises.

This **WAIVER AND RELEASE** contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior written or verbal agreement between them concerning the subject matter of this **WAIVER AND RELEASE**. The provisions of this **WAIVER AND RELEASE** may be waived, altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, upon the prior written consent of all parties.

I have read, understand, and fully agree to the terms of this **WAIVER AND RELEASE**. I understand, and confirm that by signing this **WAIVER AND RELEASE**, I have given up considerable future legal rights. I have signed this Agreement freely, and voluntarily, and under no duress, or threat of duress, without inducement, promises or guarantee being communicated to me. My signature is proof of my intention to execute a complete and unconditional **WAIVER AND RELEASE**, of all liability to the full extent of the law. I am 18 years of age or older and mentally competent to enter into this waiver. This agreement and its terms and provisions will include any minors who accompany me or who are under my care. I further agree that I shall assume responsibility for watching and caring for minor's safety and guarding against all hazards, natural or manmade, whether expressly mentioned in this **WAIVER AND RELEASE** or otherwise.

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant or Parent if participant is a minor (under age of 18 years):

Print Name of Parent: _____ *Date:* _____

Signature of 2nd Parent if participant is a minor (under age of 18 years):

Print Name of Parent: _____ *Date:* _____