

Liability Waiver and Acknowledgement of Risk for Shelburne Farms

Hold Harmless Agreement

This Hold Harmless Agreement (the "Agreement") is made by and between Shelburne Farms, LLC located at 1812 West Potrero Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91361 and

_____ on _____
(name) (date)

WHEREAS Shelburne Farms and the above named wish to enter into a mutual agreement in which I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Shelburne Farms from any claims or liabilities arising from the specified activities, in exchange for Shelburne Farms providing access to their property and enjoyment of equestrian activities.

In consideration for of the mutual agreements contained, the parties agree to the following:

Acknowledgment of Risk

I understand and acknowledge that participating in equestrian activities at Shelburne Farms involves significant risks. These activities include, but are not limited to, horseback riding, handling, grooming, feeding, and general interaction with horses. I recognize that these risks include, but are not limited to:

1. Unpredictable Behavior – Horses are inherently unpredictable and may react suddenly to sounds, movements, or unfamiliar objects, potentially causing them to buck, bolt, or exhibit other flighting responses.
2. Physical Injuries – There are risks of falling, being kicked, bitten, or stepped on, which may result in serious injuries such as fractures, sprains, concussions, or other trauma.
3. Hazards – Participants may encounter uneven or slippery terrain. Weather conditions such as rain or other natural obstacles, all of which may contribute to accidents.
4. Equipment Failure – Saddles, bridles, helmets, and other gear may fail or break, leading to increased risks of injury.
5. Health Risks – Exposure to dust, allergens, or zoonotic diseases, which may impact health, including, but limited to, respiratory issues or allergic reactions.
6. Horse Related Activities – Risks associated with mounting, dismounting, leading, feeding, and caring for horses, may pose additional dangers.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assumption of Risk

I fully understand and voluntarily assume all risks associated with my participation in equestrian activities at Shelburne Farms. I acknowledge that while safety measures are in place, there remains an inherent risk of injury, illness, or accident.

Release of Liability

In consideration of being permitted to participate, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, hereby release, waive, and hold harmless Shelburne Farms, its owners, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims, liabilities, or demands, arising including damages, defense costs, attorneys fee and other expenses, arising from any injury, illness, or damage to myself, my property, or others. This release applies to any and all activities whether conducted on or off the premises.

Medical Treatment

In the event of an emergency, I authorize Shelburne Farms to secure medical treatment for me. I understand that I am responsible for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of injuries or accidents that occur during my participation in equestrian activities.

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal

I confirm that my participation in all activities is entirely voluntary. I retain the right to refuse to participate in any activity that I believe is unsafe or beyond my ability. I understand that I may withdraw from participation at any time without penalty or consequence.

Safety Rules and Instructions

I agree to follow all safety rules, guidelines, and instructions provided by Shelburne Farms staff. I understand that failing to adhere to these guidelines may increase the risk of injury and may result in my removal from activities and/or property.

Acknowledgement of Understanding

I have read and fully understand this liability waiver and the potential risks and dangers associated with equestrian activities. By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this document and acknowledge that I am waiving certain rights, including the right to sue for any of the preceding reasons.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rules and Regulations at Shelburne Farms

1. All children under the age of 12 **MUST** be always supervised by a responsible adult while on Shelburne Farms' property.
2. Shelburne Farms must have signed liability releases on file for or on behalf of all horse owners/agents, horse riders, visitors, and guest riders.
3. Proper riding attire and approved helmets **MUST** be worn at all times by anyone on a horse. No open toed shoes tank or crop tops are allowed.
4. No jumping without a trainer present.
5. All owners/riders and their guests shall not feed any horse not owned or leased to them.
6. **Stable prefers NO dogs.** If dogs are brought on the premises, it is at the owners own risk. Stable is not liable for any injury to the owners' dog and/or to other owners' dog(s). Any dogs brought on the premises **MUST be on a leash at all times.** All dog waste must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly.
7. No smoking on or around the premises.
8. Paddock gates are to remain closed at all times.
9. Manure needs to be removed from the arenas in order to preserve the footing.
10. Garbage and manure are to be placed in designated areas.
11. **Hours of operation are between the hours of 7am and 7pm (other than for emergencies) and will be strictly enforced.**

Participants Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parents Printed Name (if under 18): _____

Parents Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____