

# Honest Desires Farm Boarding Agreement

## Miniature Horse, Pony, & Donkey Boarding Contract

This agreement is made between **Honest Desires Farm** ("the Farm") and the undersigned **Owner ("the owner")** for the boarding of the equine described below.

## Our Philosophy

Honest Desires Farm is a **family-owned and operated farm**, and we live on the premises. We take pride in offering attentive, compassionate care to every animal entrusted to us. Your miniature horse, pony, or donkey will be treated with the same respect and kindness we give our own.

We strive to maintain a **peaceful, supportive, and drama-free environment** for all boarders. We ask that clients communicate respectfully, follow barn rules, and help us foster a positive atmosphere. Disruptive behavior, gossip, or disrespect toward staff or fellow boarders may result in termination of this agreement.

## 1. Owner & Equine Information

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Equine Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Color/Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the horse have a microchip or ID#: Y or N (circle)

Gender: ☐ Mare ☐ Gelding ☐ Foal (circle) Filly or Colt (Note: Stallions are not accepted, and all colts must be gelded to stay here at the appropriate age).

Special Needs/Notes:

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**Preferred Vet:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Farrier:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact: (optional)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Boarding Type & Fees

☐ **Stall Board:** \$200/month

Includes: Stall cleaning, turnout, hay twice daily, fresh water at all times

☐ **Pasture Board:** \$185/month

Includes: Run-in shelter, dry lot access, hay twice daily, fresh water at all times

Payment is due on the **1st of each month**. After 7 days, a late payment may incur a \$25 fee.

Accepted payment methods: [Cash or check]

## 3. Services Provided

- Daily care and monitoring
- Safe fencing and shelter
- Seasonal water heating
- Controlled pasture access
- Basic blanketing in winter, flymasks and grazing muzzles in summer (if provided by owner)
- We are highly flexible and can help with many things as needed.

## 4. Owner Responsibilities

- Ensure vaccination and deworming are up to date
- Supply any special feed, supplements, or medications
- Maintain liability insurance (recommended)
- Notify Stable of any changes in health or behavior

## 5. Liability & Risk

The **Owner** understands that equine activities carry inherent risks. Honest Desires Farm is not liable for injury, illness, theft, or death of boarded animals, except in cases of gross negligence.

The Owner acknowledges that black walnut trees are present on the property. These trees have coexisted with resident equines for over eight years without incident. While the **Farm** takes reasonable precautions to ensure animal safety, the **Owner** understands the potential risks associated with black walnut exposure and agrees not to hold the **Farm** liable for any health issues that may arise with the trees.

**Owner Initials (acknowledging black walnut clause):** \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Termination

Either party may terminate this agreement with **30 days written notice**. No refunds will be issued for early departure unless agreed upon in writing.

## 7. Emergency Care

Honest Desires Farm will attempt to contact the Owner in case of emergency. If unreachable, the farm may seek veterinary care at the Owner's expense.

Initial to acknowledge: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Barn Rules

To ensure a safe, respectful, and peaceful environment for all:

- **No drama:** Gossip, bullying, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
- **Respect the animals:** Do not feed, touch, or handle animals that aren't yours without permission.
- **No stallions or breeding:** We do not accept stallions or offer breeding services at this time. All boarded animals must be geldings or mares.
- **Gate & fence safety:** Always close gates securely and report any damage.
- **Clean up after yourself:** Dispose of trash, feed bags, and manure properly.
- **Visiting hours:** 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily. Please do not visit outside these hours unless pre-approved.
- **Communication:** Notify us of any concerns or changes in your animal's health or behavior.
- **Children:** Must be supervised at all times.
- **No dogs:** For safety and biosecurity, dogs are not permitted on the property under any circumstances.
- **No smoking** anywhere on the property.
- **Events & guests:** Please ask before bringing guests or hosting any gatherings.

Failure to follow barn rules may result in termination of boarding privileges.

# WARNING

## UNDER OHIO LAW, (OHIO REVISED CODE § 2305.321)

You are **not entitled to recover damages** from an equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or stable operator for injury, death, or loss to person or property **resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities**.

These risks include, but are not limited to:

- The unpredictable behavior of horses, ponies, and donkeys
- Collisions with other animals or objects
- Hazards of terrain and footing
- Sudden movements, sounds, or environmental conditions

By entering this property or participating in equine activities, you **assume these risks voluntarily**. Honest Desires Farm is **not liable** for injuries or damages arising from such inherent risks.

**Enjoy responsibly. Respect the animals. Stay safe.**

## Health & Medical History

- Is your equine up to date on vaccinations? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, list vaccines and dates:

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- Last deworming date and product used: \_\_\_\_\_
- Any known allergies or sensitivities?

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- History of colic, laminitis, or other medical issues? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Medications or supplements currently administered:

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- Special feeding instructions or dietary restrictions:

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## Behavior & Handling

- How does your equine behave around other animals?

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- Any known vices? (e.g., cribbing, kicking, biting)

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- Is your equine halter broke and easy to lead?

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- Does your equine load into a trailer easily?

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- Any behavioral quirks or triggers we should know about?

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## Daily Routine & Preferences

- Preferred turnout schedule: ☐ Day ☐ Night ☐ 24/7
- Can your equine be turned out with others? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Blanketing preferences (seasonal): \_\_\_\_\_
- Preferred feed brand/type (if provided by owner): \_\_\_\_\_
- Treats allowed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Any grooming or handling preferences?

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## Additional Notes

- Goals for boarding (e.g., retirement, training, recovery): \_\_\_\_\_
- Anything else we should know to provide the best care?

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## **FINAL AGREEMENT & LIABILITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the terms outlined in this Boarding Contract with Honest Desires Farm LLC. I understand that miniature horse boarding services will be provided as described, and I agree to comply with all policies regarding care, health, and payment.

I further acknowledge that boarding horses involves inherent risks, and Honest Desires Farm LLC will provide reasonable care and facilities but cannot guarantee against illness, injury, or unforeseen circumstances. I accept responsibility for all veterinary, farrier, and emergency costs for my horse(s) unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Honest Desires Farm LLC Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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