



**Middleton Stables**  
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## **Code of Conduct/Stable Rules**

1. Facility hours are **Monday-Saturday 8:00am-9:30pm & Sundays 8:00am-9:00pm**. Exceptions to these hours are made with prior approval, due to events/traveling, medical issues, etc. We are open for all holidays!
2. Contact hours for Matt & Vanness are **Monday-Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm**. No contact unless emergencies **after 6pm or on Sundays** please.
3. Absolutely NO smoking allowed. No vaping unless in your vehicle.
4. A liability waiver for everyone MUST be signed immediately upon arrival. This includes weather they will ride or not. ***\*As the boarder it is your responsibility to be sure all your guests have a signed liability waiver on file\****
5. No dogs of any kind allowed on the property. This includes inside your vehicles.
6. Please help us conserve energy and keep boarding costs low by only turning on lights when needed & turning them off as soon as you are finished.
7. Please help us conserve water as well as the life of our hoses by turning hydrants off when not in use.
8. Please observe parking rules and keep all vehicles in one of the two parking lots. You may park by the barns only if you are loading or unloading but must then return to the parking lot as soon as you are done. This keeps the flow of traffic open at all times and allows for vets/farriers to park by the barns for appointments. Please note though that no vehicle should ever block entry to the barns or block the driveways. ***\*As the boarder it is your responsibility to make sure that anyone at the stable on your behalf is aware of the parking rules\****
9. No drinking of alcohol in the barns and no riding while under the influence.
10. Keep isles free of tack, brushes, halters, hoof pickings/clippings, manure, hair, etc.
11. Always clean up after yourself and your horse. This includes in the arenas, the parking lots, driveway, etc. This also includes after appointments such as vet or farrier.
12. All gates are chained for added security and protection. They must be chained at all times. Chain must go through at least one side of the latch and back around the gate to catch the gate if the gate becomes unlatched.
13. Barn doors are for owners to operate only. Please do not open or close any big doors without permission. Example: big indoor doors. If not properly secured wind and weather can damage them severely.
14. Boarders are not permitted inside the runs during turn out/turn in for safety.
15. Borders only are permitted inside the pastures. No guests are allowed in pastures for safely.
16. We do have audio and visual cameras on the premises.
17. Tack rooms are to be locked before leaving for the day.
18. No cats allowed in tack tooms.
19. Do not handle any other horse without the permission of the horse owner.

20. Handling of hay and grain is for staff only. This allows us to keep a close eye on intake.  
Exception: Rough board grain by horse owner, if you are leaving the property for an event.
21. Fans are operated by staff only.
22. Shavings are dispersed by staff only. If you feel you need more please contact Matt or Vanessa.
23. Hay barn is off limits to boarders.
24. Please do not give other horses treats without the permission of the horse owner.
25. No running, screaming, or other undesirable behavior that may spook or upset the horses or other boarders.
26. No bicycles or motorized vehicles are permitted inside the barns.
27. Horses are not to be left unattended in the arenas, isles or left unattended with halters or tack on.
28. No riding or mounting in the stalls or isles.
29. Always check your tack prior to riding.
30. Safe attire such as shoes or boots with heels and proper riding clothes should be worn while riding or working with horses.
31. Anyone under the age of 18 years is required to wear a properly fitted helmet that meets or exceeds the ASTM/SEI standards at all times while mounted or riding.
32. All horse or people related injuries, accidents and damage must be reported immediately to Matt or Vanessa.
33. Boarders will respect the privacy of each individual and not impose on them gossip, personal problems or unwanted advice.
34. Boarders will respect the privacy of the owners as well as their personal property such as the house, garages, yard and never approach the dogs at any time.
35. Boarders are responsible for their guests at all times while on the property and responsible for obtaining a signed liability release form from each guest fully and properly filled out.
36. Middleton Stables is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
37. Horses are never to be tied to stalls, gates, fencing, doors, etc. Always practice good horsemanship when tying your horse and use safety knots or releases.
38. Report any problems or issues with grounds or facility to Matt or Vanessa.
39. Children must always be under direct supervision of an adult at all times while on the grounds.
40. Horses are to be rinsed/washed in designated areas only.
41. All jumps, ground poles, barrels, games, etc in both arenas are communal property. Please respect the items and put them away when done using them.
42. Nozzles for hoses are provided for now. Please do not drop them or allow the horses to step on them. This includes the hoses as well.
43. All tack and supplies are to be kept inside the tack rooms and kept in an orderly fashion. Please limit items on the stall fronts.
44. When horses are taken off the property for shows, events, etc please be sure to let Matt or Vanessa know for security purposes.
45. Boarders are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their appointments.
46. Do not climb, sit, stand, or use for mounting any gates, fences, or items not specifically designed for mounting.
47. Do not use/borrow tack or equipment that does not belong to you without permission.
48. Do not nail, tack, screw or paint any part of the facility without prior permission.
49. It is the responsibility of everyone to notify Matt or Vanessa if any horse appears to be ill, colicky, or out of the ordinary or acting suspiciously. This helps keep everyone safe!
50. Never put away a horse that is not properly cooled out.
51. Please drive slowly on the property, 5-10 mph. There are animals, equipment, people and horses around at all times.
52. Always maintain full control of your horse.

53. Abide by all local, state and federal laws.
54. All snacks, feed, treats must be kept inside a hard plastic container in the tack rooms.
55. Please respect the barn kitties. Not all of them are comfortable with petting\people.
56. No gossip, back talking, bad behavior will be tolerated. This includes on our social media pages.  
We are a no drama facility and would like to keep it that way!
57. Manure from cleaning your stall must be emptied into one of the manure slabs.
58. Label all of your belongings. This helps ensure items are not lost and get back to the owner.
59. All horse clothing (muzzles, fly masks, sheets, blankets, etc) must be in safe and good working order. All muzzles must be breakaway or we will not use them. All buckles, snaps, etc must be facing inside to the horse to prevent them getting caught on something. Any clothing not in working order will not be permitted on the horse for safety purposes.
60. Private instructors are permitted but they must have proof of liability insurance with Middleton Stables listed as a "certificate holder" as well as a liability waiver on file. Middleton Stables reserves the right to refuse any trainer or instructor based on unsafe or undesirable behavior.
61. Chores are a very important time of day so please refrain from being in the isles during that time.
62. **Any horse being leased** must have set up a meeting/tour with Vannessa prior to commencing the lease. This is to be sure the person leasing is up to date on waivers, rules, and has a tour of the facility. ***\*This is new so please pay attention to this if you lease\****
63. If your horse needs to stay inside for an appointment, Matt or Vannessa must be notified at least a day prior and the appointment must be as close to 8am as possible (but not before 8am).
64. If you are on the Country View list for an appointment and cannot be present you need to make the appointment as late as possible and let staff know of the time at least a day prior. We will do our best to make sure the horse is in their stall.
65. All damage from a horse to property that is not usual wear and tear will be billed to the horse owner for supplies and labor.
66. In the event of a dire emergency and you or your vet cannot be contacted in a timely manner, Middleton Stables reserves the right to contact Country View Equine on your behalf for medical services to be billed to the horse owner.
67. If freezing or below, all stalls with paddocks will have the doors closed to conserve energy. Stalls with paddocks are subject to closing based on weather as well.
68. Heated buckets in winter will be turned on/off by staff only.
69. Fans in summer months are to be operated by staff only.
70. Blanketing in winter: please keep your horses' natural ability to keep warm into consideration as well as the constantly changing WI weather (normal healthy horses preferred temps are 18-60 degrees) and horses can handle cold better than heat. All winter blankets must be turn out, not stable blankets. Any clothing deemed unsafe, causing the horse to shiver or sweat will be removed.

*By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand and agree to and will abide by the code of conduct/rules of Middleton Stables, LLC. I am also aware that the rules can change or be adjusted at any time with notice posted in the Middleton Stables Borders Group Facebook page or posted on the premises.*

**Boarder Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boarder Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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