

EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING LIABILITY WAIVER

Agreement



Assumption of Risk

The undersigned participant acknowledges that Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) involves inherent risks, including but not limited to the unpredictable behavior of horses, potential falls, being stepped on, kicked, or bitten, and exposure to outdoor elements such as uneven terrain, weather conditions, and natural obstacles. The participant understands that even well-trained horses may react unpredictably to stimuli such as loud noises, sudden movements, or unfamiliar surroundings, which could result in injury or harm.

By signing this waiver, the participant voluntarily assumes all risks associated with equine activities, including any injuries, damages, or losses that may occur as a result of engaging in activities with or around horses. The participant acknowledges that these risks cannot be completely eliminated, even with the best safety measures in place, and agrees to accept full responsibility for their personal safety while participating in equine activities.

Release of Liability

The participant, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, hereby releases, waives, and discharges the EAL provider, its owners, employees, volunteers, and affiliates from any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of or related to participation in EAL. This release applies to any physical, emotional, or financial harm sustained due to accidents, negligence (excluding gross negligence or willful misconduct), or unforeseen circumstances occurring during or as a result of equine activities.

The participant further acknowledges that they are solely responsible for any injuries, medical expenses, or damages resulting from their participation and that they will not hold the provider or its representatives liable for any loss, damage, or injury to themselves, their personal property, or third parties that may arise from their involvement in equine assisted learning.

Acknowledgment of Safety Protocols

The participant acknowledges that they have been informed of and understand all necessary safety protocols related to EAL, including but not limited to proper handling of horses, required protective gear, emergency procedures, and behavioral expectations. The participant agrees to follow all instructions provided by the provider, trainers, or staff and understands that failure to comply with these protocols may increase the risk of injury.

The participant also understands that EAL providers reserve the right to terminate participation at any time if the participant fails to adhere to safety guidelines or exhibits behavior that may endanger themselves, others, or the animals involved. Any such termination will not entitle the participant to a refund or compensation.

Medical Authorization and Emergency Treatment

The participant authorizes the EAL provider and its representatives to seek emergency medical care on their behalf if they are unable to do so due to injury or incapacitation. The participant understands that while all reasonable efforts will be made to contact their designated emergency contact, immediate medical attention may be required in life-threatening situations.

The participant agrees to bear all costs associated with medical treatment, including ambulance services, hospitalization, and any subsequent care required due to injuries sustained during equine assisted learning. The participant further acknowledges that the EAL provider does not provide medical insurance coverage and that it is their responsibility to carry personal health insurance.

Participant Fitness and Health Disclosure

The participant certifies that they are physically and mentally capable of participating in equine activities and have no medical conditions, disabilities, or injuries that would impair their ability to safely engage in activities involving horses. The participant acknowledges that equine activities may require balance, coordination, strength, and mobility and assumes full responsibility for assessing their own physical readiness.

If the participant has any medical conditions, allergies, or physical limitations that may affect their participation, they agree to disclose such information in writing prior to engaging in EAL. The provider reserves the right to deny participation if it is determined that the individual's health or condition poses a significant risk to themselves, others, or the animals involved.

Participant Fitness and Health Disclosure

The participant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the EAL provider, its owners, employees, volunteers, and affiliates from any claims, damages, losses, or expenses (including legal fees) arising from their participation in equine activities. This indemnification includes, but is not limited to, claims brought by third parties who may suffer injury, damage, or loss due to the participant's actions or negligence.

The participant understands that this obligation extends to any lawsuits, settlements, or liability claims that may arise, regardless of whether they were directly responsible for the incident. This provision remains in effect even after participation in equine assisted learning has concluded.

Animal Welfare and Participant Conduct

The participant agrees to treat all animals with respect, care, and kindness and understands that mistreatment, abuse, or reckless behavior toward any horse or animal will result in immediate dismissal from the program. The participant acknowledges that they must follow all rules regarding the handling, feeding, and approach of horses to ensure both their safety and the well-being of the animals.

The EAL provider reserves the right to remove any participant who exhibits aggressive, irresponsible, or unsafe behavior that may endanger themselves, others, or the horses. Such removal will be at the sole discretion of the provider and will not entitle the participant to a refund or any form of compensation.

Property Damage Responsibility

The participant acknowledges that they are responsible for any damage caused to the equine property, including but not limited to stalls, tack, riding equipment, fences, and other facilities. The participant agrees to reimburse the provider for any repair or replacement costs resulting from their negligence, misuse, or intentional destruction of property.

The participant further agrees that they will report any damage they cause immediately and will cooperate fully with the provider to resolve any incidents. Failure to report damages or attempts to conceal responsibility may result in termination of participation and potential legal action.

Photography and Media Release

The participant grants permission for the EAL provider to take photographs, video recordings, or other media of them during participation in equine therapy activities. These images may be used for promotional, educational, or marketing purposes, including but not limited to websites, social media, brochures, and advertisements. The participant waives any right to compensation or ownership over such media.

Signatures

By signing below, the participant confirms that they have read, understood, and agreed to all terms outlined in this waiver. The participant acknowledges that they have had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification before signing. This agreement is entered into voluntarily and constitutes a legally binding contract between the participant and Royale Ranch Incorporated.

Service Provider

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Client

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____