

Hunter Valley Riding Academy

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Lesson Horse Program Information Sheet

Regular Lesson Rates:

Single Lesson Rate **\$75**

Available for Students wanting to take only an occasional flat lesson.

*Payment is due at the time of the lesson.

4 Lessons Pre-Paid Monthly Package **\$260**

This package includes flat lessons and/or jumping lessons up to Cross Rails.

*Students wishing to jump higher than Cross Rails must lease or own a horse and the 4 lessons package price is reduced to \$200. Payment is due at the first of every month.

8 Lessons Pre-Paid Monthly Package **\$440**

This package includes flat lessons and/or jumping lessons up to Cross Rails

*Students wishing to jump higher than Cross Rails must lease or own a horse and the 8 lessons package price is reduced to \$360. Payment is due at the first of every month

Beginner Rider/Young Rider Lesson Rates:

The lesson rates/packages listed below are intended for young riders (up to 10 years old) with no/very limited previous riding experience. These pre-paid package rates are good for up to the first 2 months of lessons, after that regular lesson rates apply. Beginner Rider packages include lessons at the Walk and Trot on the lunge line only. If the rider is ready to trot off the lunge line after the first month then regular lessons rates will apply starting the 2nd month. Payment is due at the first of every month.

Single Lesson Rate **\$75**

*Payment is due at the time of the lesson.

4 Lessons Pre-Paid Monthly Package **\$220**

8 Lessons Pre-Paid Monthly Package **\$400**

Payment is due at the first of every month for prepaid packages listed above.

Lesson Duration and Student Responsibility:

All students are asked to show up ½ hour before their scheduled lesson time in order to groom and tack their assigned horse and sweep their cross tie area before leaving for the mounting block. Regularly scheduled private lessons include ½ hour of mounted instruction, semi-private (2-3 riders) will include 45 minutes of mounted instruction and group lessons (4 or more riders) will include an hour of mounted instruction. At the instructor's discretion, as in the case of inclement weather (ie rain, wind, excessive heat) or issues concerning the well-being of either the horse or rider, the duration of a lesson may be shortened accordingly. At the end of each lesson, students are expected to adequately groom their horse, return the equipment neatly to the tack room and **sweep the cross tie area when finished.**

Missed Lesson Policy:

Missed lessons (except for "No Shows") may be made up at any time in the same calendar month. If riders are not able to get their missed lesson(s) made up in the same calendar month, one (1) Missed Lessons may be carried over to the following month for clients enrolled in a one-time weekly program. Two (2) missed lessons may be carried over to the following month for clients enrolled in a two times weekly program. Riders must take their makeup lessons in addition to their normal pre-paid package lesson. Any makeup lessons carried over but not taken within the following month will be forfeit. Make-up lessons will be not be allowed during a month that a package is not pre-paid, so riders who suspend or skip a month on their lesson package will forfeit their missed lesson(s). 24 hours' notice of cancellation is appreciated so that the trainer has the opportunity to fill the opening created by the cancellation. Riders who "no show" will not be entitled to a makeup lesson. Missed sessions will not be refunded under any circumstance.

Depending on lesson horse availability, clients may schedule a make-up lesson:

- 1) On a different day of the week than their regularly scheduled lesson, for mounted or unmounted horsemanship instruction.
- 2) On the same day as their regularly scheduled lesson - riding a different horse for 2nd lesson, or taking an extended lesson on the same horse if time allows.
- 3) The same day as their regularly scheduled lesson – doing some type of unmounted horsemanship instruction for the 2nd lesson.
- 4) By joining a group unmounted horsemanship lessons that will cover a variety of informative horse care and training subjects. Depending on the number of students in attendance, these horsemanship lessons will last 1-2 hours.

Makeup lessons may also be formal or casual instruction. If you would like a bareback lesson or a trail ride instead please let us know! Speak to your instructor if there is something specific you would like to learn during a makeup lesson that would not be covered during a typical riding lesson, or perhaps not covered in depth.

Please keep in mind that for the well-being of the school horses, we cannot guarantee that all make-up lessons will involve jumping and/or mounted instruction. Clients who lease a HVRA horse, and/or are taking their normally scheduled lessons will have priority and there is a limit on how many times during a week we can ask the horses to perform. Clients who half lease (vs full lease) may not be able to take their makeup lesson on their leased horse if it conflicts with the other half lease riders regularly scheduled lesson.

HVRA Full and Half Lease Program...

We have a number of wonderful horses available for lease through the HVRA program.

Leasing is a great opportunity for any level of rider! It allows you to improve your skills (many of which can only be learned by spending extra time in the saddle), expand your horse husbandry experience and spend time loving and caring for a special horse.

It is also a great stepping stone to owning your own horse. Leasing also gives you the experience of owning without the responsibility and expense beyond the lease term, so it is a great way to “test out” you or your child’s level of commitment before purchasing. It can help advance your riding to the next level, which broadens your choices for the type of horse you can then purchase. If horse ownership is simply not in your budget, it is a terrific option for getting your “horse fix”.

Also, RIDERS wishing to jump HIGHER THAN CROSS RAILS, must be in a lease program.

Please refer to the attached file on the lease page of my website titled “Why you must lease if you want to jump” for an explanation on why my riding school (as well as many others) have this requirement.

When leasing a safe, quality horse there are 2 components to the cost: the lease fee and the cost of care. The LEASE FEE is a one-time fee paid to the owner of the horse. This fee varies from horse to horse, depending on their athletic ability, training and demeanor. This fee helps the owner recoup some of the costs from the initial purchase of the horse and its subsequent upkeep.

The COST OF CARE FEE covers the ongoing monthly costs involved in the upkeep of the horse.

While most things such as board are a relatively consistent, the cost of shoeing, additional feed/supplements, and routine vet maintenance can vary, so the cost of care will vary slightly from horse to horse.

Leases are Full or Half. A Full Lease entitles you to complete access to the horse up to 6 days a week. A Half Lease entitles you access to the horse up to 3 days a week.

Additional benefits to Leasing:

*Reduced rate for lessons.

*Students are allowed to “hang out” at the ranch for as long as they desire on their lesson or lease days (younger/less experienced students may require a parent to be present)

*Priority when scheduling lesson times.

*Use of your lease horse for your lessons.

*Use of your lease horse for showing.

*Horse use fee (\$80) is waived at horse shows.

HVRA Horses lease horses

Level 1 horse – This horse is suitable for riders from the walk/trot through cross rail level.

Level 2 horse – This horse is suitable for riders through the 2'0 level.

Level 3 horse - This horse is suitable for riders through the 2'3 level.

Outside Lease horse/HVRA Show horse – Riders wishing to jump/compete at 2'6 or higher will need to purchase or lease horse a horse of that caliber. When you are ready to take that step will are here to help.

Lease Fee Structure for HVRA Horses – Full and Half Leases (cost of care additional)

	1 year contract	6 month contract	3 month contract	1 month contract
Level 1 horse full	\$2000	\$1250	\$750	\$400
Level 1 horse half	\$1250	\$775	\$450	\$250
Level 2 horse full	\$4000	\$2500	\$1500	\$800
Level 2 horse half*	\$2500	\$1750	\$1000	\$500
Level 3 horse full	\$5000	\$3500	\$2000	\$1000
Level 3 horse half*	\$3000	\$2000	\$1250	\$650
Outside Lease Horse/HVRA Show Horse <i>Lease Fees and terms vary but it is uncommon to find a show quality 2'6 horse for lease for less than \$12000 for the year</i>				
<i>Some Level 2 and all 3 horses are limited to jumping full height 3 times per week. If sharing a lease on a level 2 horse it will be necessary to split the amount jumping session with the other rider</i>				

Cost of Care Estimates

Basic Monthly Items

	Full lease	½ lease
Board (24x24 1/2 cover)	\$400	\$200
Farrier Services - \$250 approx every 6 weeks > prorated	\$165	\$82.5
Additional feed/lunch (approximately)	\$70	\$35
Supplements/medication (approximately)	\$30	\$15
Estimated costs	\$665 full	\$333 half lease

When needed Items – full cost listed, divide by 2 for half lease

Wormer every 3 month	\$10	Joint injections	varies
Annual/Every other Year dentistry	\$200	Blanketing in winter	\$60
Semi-Annual vaccinations	\$60	Tack Room Rental (optional)	\$15 per month
Body shaving (1 or 2 times season)	\$200		

Other things may crop up, but the list above is the most common costs associated with leasing and owning.

Tack Estimates

In time, you may want to purchase your own equipment (especially a saddle), but we will provide the following items as part of your lease on a level 1- level 3 horse. In most lease situations (other barns, outside lease horse) you are required to purchase your own tack, so not having to buy all your own equipment dramatically offsets the HVRA lease fee. Should any items be broken during use you will be expected to replace them. You will need to purchase your own consumable goods such as fly spray, shampoo, horse cookies and such.

Sheet/fly sheet	\$60	Saddle pads	\$100
Winter blanket	\$250	Girth	\$100
Saddle	\$1000-\$3000	Split boots	\$75
Bridle with bit	\$250	Bell boots	\$30
Approximate value of tack provided	\$2000-\$4000		