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1. The **E Slash Nine Ranch Green Book** serves as the official guide for the **delivery of client services, horsemanship instruction, educational programming, and wellness activities** offered at the facility. It outlines the standards, procedures, and ethical practices governing these services while establishing the authority to implement and enforce policies consistent with local, state, and federal regulations. The 2025 edition codifies the values, client engagement models, and service delivery protocols in use at E Slash Nine Ranch.
2. The **Green Book is a dynamic document**, reviewed and updated annually to reflect advancements in **local equine service availability** and evolving community needs. It is informed by practical experience, professional input, and emerging best practices within the equine industry. To ensure the quality and reliability of all services provided at E Slash Nine Ranch, each listed service provider must be **recommended in at least three key areas**, such as professionalism, quality of service, safety practices, responsiveness, or customer satisfaction. Providers who do not meet this standard may be reviewed for removal. This process helps maintain a trusted, high-performing network of professionals aligned with the ranch's commitment to excellence, safety, and accountability.
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Travis S. Elliston
Owner
Ranch and Facility Owner

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Appendix 1

GENERAL

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PURPOSE

1. PURPOSE OF THE GREEN BOOK FOR BOARDERS

The **Green Book** exists to provide boarders with a trusted, vetted resource of **approved local service providers** who are familiar with E Slash Nine Ranch's standards, layout, and operational protocols. It ensures that all service professionals—whether veterinarians, farriers, bodyworkers, or feed suppliers—meet minimum expectations for safety, professionalism, and coordination with facility policies. By referencing the Green Book, boarders can confidently select from a curated list of providers who are already authorized to operate on-site, minimizing confusion, reducing liability risks, and improving communication between boarders, service providers, and facility staff. This shared reference enhances continuity of care, upholds facility safety standards, and supports the cooperative community environment at the ranch.

2. GENERAL

While E Slash Nine Ranch provides a list of approved service providers in this Green Book, the facility does **not make hard or exclusive recommendations** to boarders unless a direct request for guidance is made. Inclusion in the Green Book is based on a provider being positively recommended in at least **three key areas**, such as professionalism, quality of service, and safety practices. These evaluations are drawn from firsthand boarder experiences, staff interactions, and overall reliability.

Boarders maintain the **right to choose their own service providers** for veterinary, farrier, dental, massage, chiropractic, and feed-related services, provided those individuals have been **vetted and approved by the Barn Manager** and are in **good standing with the facility**. This policy ensures flexibility for the boarder while upholding safety, liability, and operational standards for the ranch community.

1. APPLICABILITY

These policies and procedures apply to **all boarders, riders, service providers, and their family members or guests** while on E Slash Nine Ranch property. Every individual engaging with services listed in the Green Book—whether receiving, delivering, or assisting—is expected to **comply with the standards, protocols, and guidelines outlined herein**. This ensures a **safe, professional, and well-coordinated environment** that supports the consistent delivery of high-quality equine care and client services in alignment with ranch policies.

2. ORGANIZATION

The E Slash Nine (E/9) Ranch serves as a multifaceted equine and livestock facility. It functions primarily as the headquarters for **Elliston Equine Solutions, LLC**, offering services such as horse training, riding lessons, horsemanship instruction, clinics, freeze

branding, horse consignment, and sales. In addition, the ranch operates as a **self-care boarding facility** for privately owned horses and a **horse motel** for traveling equines. Beyond its equine services, the E/9 Ranch also supports **livestock operations**, including the care and management of beef cattle.

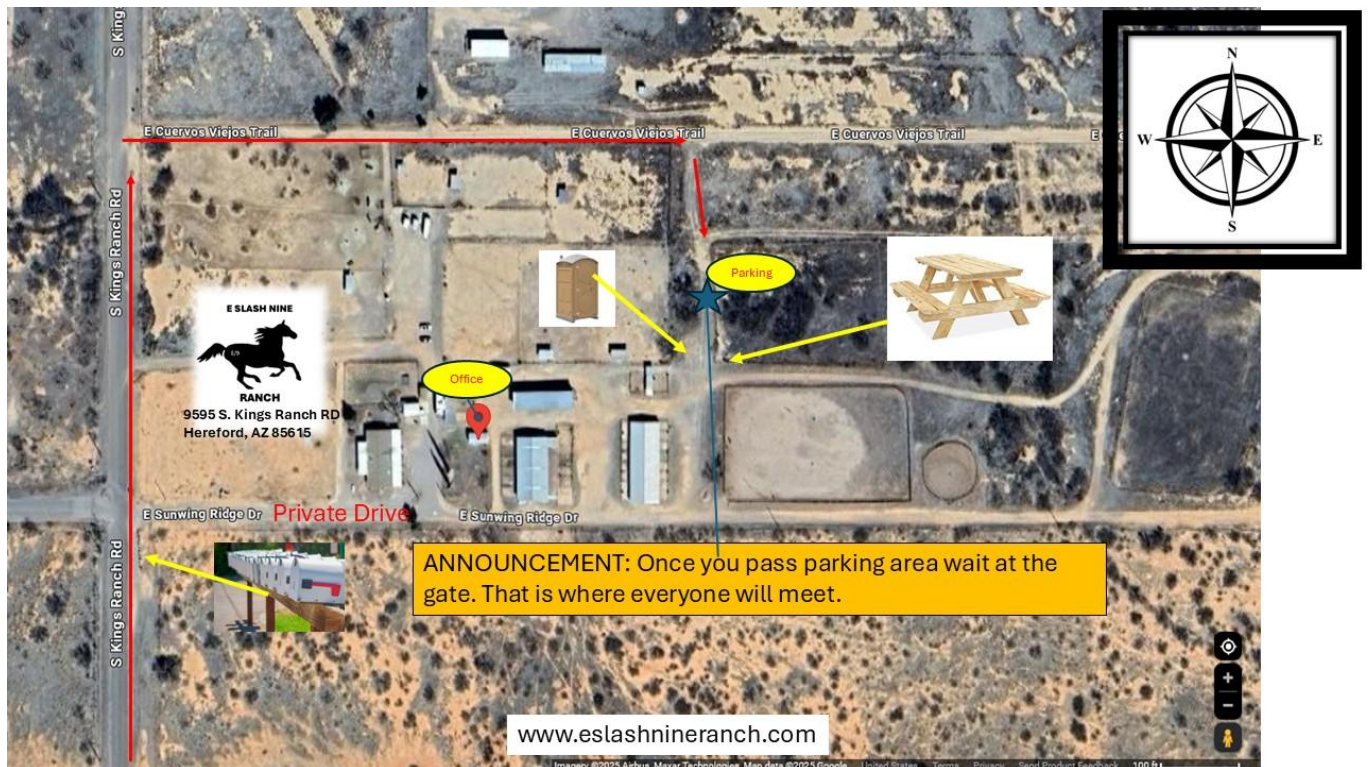
- a. Facility open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. For emergencies outside of business hours, please call or text.

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VENDOR AND CONTRACTOR ACCESS

Arrival & Check-In

- **Designated parking & meeting point:** After you pass parking lot shown on the site map, please head south to the gate — that is the check-in point for all vendors and contractors. (Refer to the map image we provided; gate is the meeting location.)
- **On-site check-in:** A ranch representative will meet you, confirm paperwork, review the scope, and give you any site-specific orientation and instructions. Do **not** proceed to work until you have checked in.
- **Vehicle access & unloading:** Use the marked driveway and designated unloading area only. Keep roadways and gate access clear for emergency vehicles. If you need trailer access to the arena or barn area, arrange this at check-in.



CARD 110

Supporting Evidence and Professional Foundations

Outside Professional Services (Farriers, Riding Instructors, Horse Trainers etc).

To maintain the safety, liability protection, and professional standards of E/9 Ranch, the following rules apply to all outside service providers:

a. Pre-Approval Required

- i. All outside service providers (farriers, veterinarians, equine dentists, trainers, riding instructors, etc.) must be **approved in advance** by the facility owner or manager.

b. Release of Liability

- ii. All professionals must sign a facility **Liability Waiver** and agree to follow all posted barn rules.

c. Scheduling

- i. Appointments must be scheduled during **barn hours (7:00 AM – 8:00 PM)** unless pre-approved.
- ii. Boarders must be **present** for all services unless arrangements are made with the facility in writing.

d. Clean-Up and Conduct

Service providers are expected to:

- i. Clean up after themselves (trimmings, equipment, manure)
- ii. Be respectful of all horses, clients, and property
- iii. Refrain from loud, disruptive, or unsafe behavior

e. Prohibited Services

The following are **not allowed** without written consent from the facility owner:

- Clinics or group lessons
- Horses not boarded at the facility
- Overnight stays of personnel
- Use of electrical equipment requiring heavy power (unless pre-approved)

f. Facility Authority

E/9 Ranch reserves the right to:

- Refuse access to any provider at any time for safety or conduct concerns
- Require replacement if the provider causes property damage, safety risks, or repeated rule violations

2. Riding lessons and horse training (internal boarders)

- a. Patrons wanting to offer lessons will first inform the barn manager.
- b. Patrons giving lessons or rides to non-members for a fee must purchase a commercial liability insurance policy (at least \$500,000) that will be kept on file in the office.
- c. Patrons will ensure students complete the required liability release form and comply with the safety measures listed in this regulation.

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SOLICITORS AND SALESPEOPLE PROTOCOL

To maintain a safe, private, and professional environment for all boarders, guests, and staff, **soliciting, peddling, or conducting business on the premises of E Slash Nine Ranch without prior written approval from the facility owner is strictly prohibited.** This includes but is not limited to:

- Sales of equine-related goods or services
- Distribution of flyers, advertisements, or business cards
- Promotion of outside training, boarding, or veterinary services
- Recruitment for outside barns or programs

Unapproved solicitors and salespeople will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Repeat offenses may be reported to the **Cochise County Sheriff's Office** for trespassing under **A.R.S. § 13-1502 (Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree)**, especially if signage clearly indicates "No Soliciting" or "Private Property."

Facility representatives reserve the right to approve vetted vendors or educational representatives on a case-by-case basis. Any boarder wishing to bring in a service provider (farrier, bodyworker, trainer, etc.) must seek prior approval to ensure liability coverage and compatibility with barn policies.

If a boarder or guest observes any individual attempting to **solicit, sell, or promote services or goods** without prior approval from the facility:

1. **Do Not Engage or Confront Aggressively** – Maintain a polite but firm distance. Do not provide personal information or allow them access to horses, tack, or secure areas.
2. **Report Immediately** – Notify the **Barn Manager or Facility Owner** in person or by phone at **(520) 686-2209**. Provide a description of the individual, the nature of their activity, and where they were last seen on the property.
3. **Document If Safe** – If possible and safe, take note of or photograph their **vehicle, license plate, or business card**, but do not put yourself at risk.
4. **Do Not Grant Access** – Boarders are not authorized to invite vendors, salespeople, or representatives onto the property without **prior written approval**. Doing so may violate the facility's liability policies and result in disciplinary action.
5. **Respect Property Protocols** – All unauthorized commercial activity is a **violation of E Slash Nine Ranch policy** and may be reported as trespassing under **A.R.S. § 13-1502**.

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WARNING AND DISCLAIMER

Warning and Disclaimer

The information provided in this **Green Book** is intended solely for the benefit of boarders, clients, staff, and approved service providers at **E Slash Nine Ranch**. While every effort has been made to ensure that the listed professionals meet the facility's safety, reliability, and service expectations, **E Slash Nine Ranch makes no guarantees, warranties, or endorsements** regarding the performance, availability, or outcomes of services rendered by any individual or business included in this document.

All services are rendered under **separate agreements between the provider and the boarder**, and the facility shall not be held liable for any **injury, negligence, malpractice, damage, or loss** resulting from third-party services.

Boarders are solely responsible for selecting providers based on their own needs and are encouraged to **verify credentials, request references, and discuss service terms directly** with the provider. Inclusion in the Green Book signifies that a provider has been vetted for general approval, but it does **not constitute a binding recommendation or guarantee of suitability** for all circumstances.

By using this Green Book, you acknowledge and accept this disclaimer and agree to hold **E Slash Nine Ranch, its owners, and staff harmless** for any claims or disputes arising from interactions with outside providers.

CARD 125

OMISSION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Notice to Providers: Omission and Submission Process

If you are a qualified professional and believe your business was unintentionally omitted from this edition of the Green Book, **we sincerely apologize**. Our goal is to maintain a comprehensive and accurate resource that reflects the diversity and excellence of equine services in our region.

To request inclusion, please contact the **Barn Manager** at **(520) 686-2209** or email to **eslashnineranch@gmail.com** with the following:

- Proof of liability insurance (listing E Slash Nine Ranch as additional insured)
- Description of services
- References or boarder recommendations
- Proof of licensing or certification (if applicable)

All submissions are subject to review. Inclusion in the Green Book is based on the facility's **three-area recommendation standard** and must align with our safety, professionalism, and coordination protocols.

CARD 130

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT POLICY: SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CLIENTS

All interactions between **boarders (clients)** and **approved service providers** operating at E Slash Nine Ranch must be conducted with the highest standards of **professionalism, respect, and integrity**. As a shared-use facility, the reputation, safety, and efficiency of the ranch rely on **positive, courteous relationships and responsible conduct** from both clients and providers.

The following expectations apply:

1. **Respectful Communication:** All parties shall communicate professionally, avoiding confrontational, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior. Any concerns should be addressed constructively and, if necessary, brought to the attention of the Barn Manager.
2. **Client Preparedness:** Clients are expected to have their horses **caught, haltered, and safely secured** (e.g., tied in designated areas or held) at the agreed appointment time. Horses should be reasonably clean and ready for examination or treatment. This respects the provider's schedule and supports smooth, timely service.
3. **Confidentiality:** All service-related information, including health conditions, billing details, and personal communications, shall be treated as confidential and not disclosed without consent.
4. **Work Environment Courtesy:** Providers are expected to maintain a clean, safe working space, and clients should support this by ensuring service areas are free of hazards and distractions.
5. **No Solicitation:** Service providers may not solicit additional business or promote competing services while on-site without prior approval from the Barn Manager.
6. **Reporting Concerns:** Any conduct that disrupts the facility, compromises safety, or violates this policy should be reported to management.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in **revocation of provider privileges** or **disciplinary action for clients** under the boarding agreement. By using or providing services at E Slash Nine Ranch, all parties agree to uphold this code of conduct.

CARD 135
THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PAYMENTS AND LEGAL WITNESS
STATEMENT

E Slash Nine Ranch does not collect, process, or facilitate payment for equine-related services rendered by independent professionals (e.g., veterinarians, farriers, bodyworkers, trainers) directly to boarders utilizing the facility. All financial arrangements, invoices, and payment responsibilities are **strictly between the boarder and the service provider**.

While the facility is not involved in the billing or enforcement of these private agreements, the **Barn Manager may, upon request and at their discretion, serve as a factual witness** in civil matters involving disputes over services performed on-site. This support is limited to **firsthand observations and relevant documentation** pertaining to facility use and service provider access and does not imply endorsement, liability, or involvement in any contractual obligations between parties.

Appendix 2

EQUINE HUSBANDRY

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EQUINE VETERINARIANS

At E Slash Nine Ranch, we recognize the critical importance of timely veterinary care in emergencies. **Veterinarians often manage multiple emergencies across large service areas,** and there may be times when your primary veterinarian is **unavailable due to scheduling conflicts, after-hours limitations, or personal leave.**

For this reason, it is strongly recommended that all boarders develop and maintain a plan that includes a **primary veterinarian, at least one alternate provider, and a contingency contact.** This ensures that, in the event of a medical emergency, your horse can receive prompt attention—even if your preferred vet is temporarily unreachable. Having multiple trusted providers also allows for better coverage during weekends, holidays, or high-volume periods.

- **EQUINE VET LIST**

- Dr. Lowe, 806-798-2890
- Dr. Rubin, Jessica 520-334-0155 Lion and Lamb Veterinary Services, Sonita, AZ
- Dr. Sheldon, Thomas 520-508-1331 Maverick Veterinary Services
- Dr. Alltop, 520-586-3777
- Dr. Parker, Lawrence 520-632-3843, 520-632-5175 Parker Veterinary Services, LLC
Herford, AZ
- Dr. Amavizca, 520-727-1761
- Dr. Prentice, 520-508-1364
- Dr. Finch, Nicole 480-510-4257 Bisbee Veterinary Services
- Dr. Shawna Sawtelle 520-477-6737
- AZ Equine Surgery Gilbert, AZ 480-962-6660
- Jackpot Veterinary Tucson, AZ 520-999-3888
- Dr. Merel Huff 520-222-6593

CARD 205

EQUINE DENTISTRY

Equine Dentistry and Arizona State Law

In the state of Arizona, the practice of equine dentistry is **regulated under the authority of the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (AZVMEB)**. According to **Arizona Revised Statutes § 32-2201**, any dental procedures involving **invasive work, sedation, tooth extraction, or use of power tools** must be performed **by a licensed veterinarian or under their direct supervision**.

However, some **non-invasive procedures**—such as basic tooth inspection or hand floating (with non-mechanical tools)—may be performed by trained equine dental technicians **only if permitted by law and under certain veterinary guidance**. Unauthorized individuals performing dental work that constitutes veterinary medicine may be in violation of Arizona law and subject to penalties, including **finest, cease and desist orders, or criminal charges**.

For this reason, **E Slash Nine Ranch only allows equine dental providers who are either:**

1. **Licensed veterinarians** in good standing with the AZVMEB, or
2. **Equine dental technicians** who work under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian,

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FARRIERS

Understanding Farrier Services and Practitioner Qualifications

At E Slash Nine Ranch, we support informed choices in hoof care by helping boarders understand the range of **farrier qualifications** and **types of hoof services** commonly offered. The quality of the farrier (horseshoeing) can significantly impact your horse's health, soundness, and performance.

Below is a guide to key distinctions:

Types of Farrier Qualifications

1. **Certified Farrier (CF)**
These farriers have passed examinations through professional bodies such as the **American Farriers' Association (AFA)** or the **Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association (BWFA)**. Certification typically requires knowledge in trimming, shoeing, anatomy, and lameness.
2. **School-Trained Farrier**
Graduates of a formal farrier school or apprenticeship program who may or may not be certified. Training length and quality can vary; always ask about experience and continued education.
3. **Journeyman Farrier (AFA CJF)**
A **Certified Journeyman Farrier** is the highest level of AFA certification, requiring extensive theoretical and practical testing. These professionals demonstrate mastery in **corrective and therapeutic shoeing**, forging, and advanced hoof care.
4. **Barefoot Trimmers / Practitioners**
These individuals specialize in **natural hoof care**, often without the use of horseshoes. Training programs and philosophies vary widely (e.g., "natural balance," "wild horse model"). Some are certified by organizations such as the **American Association of Natural Hoof Care Practitioners (AANHCP)** or **Pacific Hoof Care Practitioners (PHCP)**.

Types of Hoof Services

1. **Cold Shoeing**
Traditional method of shaping horseshoes without heat. Common for basic, everyday shoeing needs and non-specialized horses.
2. **Hot Shoeing (Forge Work)**
Involves heating the horseshoe to customize fit through forging. Often used for therapeutic or corrective shoeing. Usually performed by journeymen or highly experienced farriers.
3. **Barefoot Trimming**
Focuses on maintaining hoof balance and health without applying shoes. Suitable for many horses not in intense work or under special terrain conditions.

List of Horseshoers and Farriers:

- Servia, Erik 520-236-8831 Sky Island Hoof Care
- Rick Knowlton 623-512-9326
- Dragon's Gait Certified Horseshoeing and Equine Services 936-648-9104
- Daniel Carman 520-366-2334 Celtic Croft Farriery
- Dan Mello 520-506-6364 Melo HorseShoeing
- John Ellis 520-241-1676 out of Mescal, AZ
- Brandon's Farrier Service 520-456-5229
- Cardenas Horseshoeing 928-221-9704
- INT Farrier Service 520-486-8168
- Caliponchito Shoeing 520-900-2023
- Tanner Newby Farrier Services 719-225-9267
- Allred, Valley Farrie Services 520-221-5959
- Jimmer Francher, 928-293-5727

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EQUINE CHIROPRACTOR

Equine Chiropractic Services and Arizona State Law

In the state of Arizona, **equine chiropractic care is considered a form of veterinary medicine**. As such, it is regulated by the **Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (AZVMEB)** in accordance with **A.R.S. § 32-2201 et seq.** Only **licensed veterinarians** or individuals working **under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian** are legally permitted to perform animal chiropractic services, including for horses.

Arizona **does not currently recognize or license laypersons or human chiropractors** to independently perform chiropractic adjustments on animals, including equines, without veterinary oversight. Unauthorized chiropractic care may constitute the **unlawful practice of veterinary medicine**, which is subject to fines, cease and desist orders, or legal action under Arizona law.

Approved Equine Chiropractic Providers Must:

- Be **licensed veterinarians**, or
- Hold an **animal chiropractic certification** (e.g., IVCA or AVCA) **and work under direct veterinary supervision**, with documentation on file.
- Comply with all applicable regulations under the AZVMEB and A.R.S. Title 32.

Not Permitted:

- Human chiropractors adjusting animals without veterinary supervision.
- Unlicensed individuals advertising or performing equine chiropractic services on-site.
- Service providers operating without proof of legal compliance or insurance.

Facility Policy at E Slash Nine Ranch

E Slash Nine Ranch requires that any equine chiropractic work performed on the premises must be done by providers **in compliance with Arizona state law** and **approved in advance by the Barn Manager**. Proof of licensure, insurance, and veterinary oversight (if applicable) must be submitted prior to service delivery.

This policy ensures both **animal welfare and legal protection** for boarders, service providers, and the facility.

➤ **ChiroCritters – Sierra Vista, AZ**

Board-certified animal chiropractic care with over 30 years of experience. Very experienced and family-operated. (520) 452-1490

➤ **Roger W. Roberts, DC – Equine Chiropractor**

Located at 2161 E Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista. Specializes in veterinary orthopedic manipulation for horses. 520-452-1490

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EQUINE MESSAGE THERAPY

In the state of Arizona, **equine massage therapy is legally considered a branch of veterinary medicine** when performed for the **treatment or prevention of disease, injury, or musculoskeletal dysfunction**. As such, it falls under the regulatory authority of the **Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (AZVMEB)** per **Arizona Revised Statutes § 32-2201**.

What Is Allowed Under Arizona Law:

Equine massage therapists **must meet one of the following legal criteria** to perform services:

1. Be a **licensed veterinarian**, or
2. Work **under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian**, with written consent on file, or
3. Provide services that are **non-therapeutic in nature**, such as general relaxation or grooming massage, and make **no claims of diagnosing or treating medical conditions**.

Therapeutic massage, which addresses injury, performance, circulation, or lameness, typically **requires veterinary oversight**.

What Is Not Allowed:

- Performing a massage intended to treat or diagnose without veterinary supervision.
- Advertising therapeutic outcomes without proper licensure.
- Providing equine massage care without liability insurance or facility approval.

Violations may be treated as **unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine**, which is punishable under state law.

Facility Policy at E Slash Nine Ranch

At E Slash Nine Ranch, equine massage therapists must:

- Be **approved in advance by the Barn Manager**.
- Provide **proof of certification or training**, and
- Supply **evidence of compliance with Arizona law**, including any required veterinary supervision and liability insurance.

Massage therapists who operate without appropriate qualifications, supervision, or approval may be denied access to the facility.

This policy exists to protect the health of the horses, the legal standing of the boarders, and the operational integrity of the ranch.

- Wind and Earth Equine, Courtney Petteruti, Sierra Vista, AZ 818-231-7518

CARD 225

EQUINE NUTRITIONIST

Equine Nutritionists and Arizona Guidelines

An **equine nutritionist** is a professional who specializes in formulating and advising on balanced diets for horses based on their age, activity level, health status, and environment. Their role is essential to supporting optimal health, performance, and disease prevention through targeted feeding programs.

Qualifications and Titles

Unlike veterinary medicine or chiropractic care, **Arizona does not currently license or regulate equine nutritionists** through a specific state board. However, credible professionals typically hold one or more of the following credentials:

- **Ph.D. or M.S. in Equine Nutrition or Animal Science**
- **Certified Equine Nutritionist** through independent programs or universities.
- **Licensed Veterinarian** with a focus on nutrition
- **Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist (DACVIM-Nutrition)** for advanced clinical needs

Clients are strongly encouraged to verify educational background, professional references, and any affiliations with accredited organizations (e.g., American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition, American Society of Animal Science).

Scope of Practice

Equine nutritionists may:

- Develop customized feeding plans
- Analyze hay and feed content
- Recommend supplements or adjustments for performance, metabolic, or geriatric horses
- Coordinate with veterinarians for horses with medical diets

They **may not diagnose disease or prescribe treatment unless licensed as a veterinarian.**

Facility Policy at E Slash Nine Ranch

E Slash Nine Ranch welcomes the use of qualified equine nutrition professionals, provided they:

- Are **approved in advance by the Barn Manager**
- Submit **proof of education or certification**

- Work in **coordination with a licensed veterinarian** when advising on diets related to medical conditions

Nutritionists who offer general diet consultations for maintenance, growth, or conditioning purposes are permitted, but they must not provide medical advice unless licensed to do so.

This policy helps ensure that horses receive **accurate, legally sound, and ethically delivered** nutritional support.

➤ **Adobe Veterinary Center**

What they offer: In-person nutritional counseling by licensed equine veterinarians—including weight management, metabolic disorder strategies, balanced feed plans, and hydration guidance.

Location: 8300 E. Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson, AZ

Phone: (520) 546-8387

➤ **Anna Gambarotto – Equine Nutritionist**

What she offers: Independent nutritional consultations tailored for equine diets, feed analysis, and supplement recommendations

Contact: (520) 392-9292 • Tucson, AZ

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FREEZE BRANDING

Freeze branding must only be performed by qualified technicians to ensure both effectiveness and animal welfare. At E Slash Nine Ranch, the following standards apply:

Technician Qualifications

- Must be a **licensed veterinarian**, a **certified livestock branding technician**, or a **professional with documented training** in equine freeze branding techniques.
- Demonstrated competence in safe handling of branding irons and using **liquid nitrogen or dry ice/ethanol cooling methods**.
- Knowledgeable about differentiation criteria for branding based on **coat color, skin thickness**, and **required contact time** for proper pigment alteration.

Insurance & Compliance

- Must carry **current liability insurance** with E Slash Nine Ranch listed as an additional insured party.
- Proof of credentials and insurance coverage must be submitted to the **Barn Manager** in advance of any on-site branding.

Branding Procedures

- Horses must be **cleaned and prepared** (clipped/shaved and disinfected) before branding.
- Technicians must follow **strict hygiene protocols**, including equipment sterilization and the use of **protective gear**.
- Contact time must be measured and appropriate to the horse's **coat coloration** (e.g., 6–8 seconds for dark hair, longer for thick or lighter coats).

Documentation & Recordkeeping

- Each brand must be **photographed** directly after application and recorded in the **Horse Identification Master Book**, alongside a certified description (location, shape, brand style).
- Branding events should be **logged with date**, technician's name, and horse identification details.

Pre-Approval Is Required

- Prior to branding, boarders or providers must submit a **branding authorization request** to the Barn Manager.
- The Ranch will verify technician credentials, review insurance details, and approve the branding plan in writing before activity begins.

Meet Legal Requirements in Arizona

- Brands must be officially **registered with the Arizona Department of Agriculture – Livestock Division**, typically by paying a fee and submitting brand imagery .
- While Arizona doesn't regulate brand technicians like a licensed role, competency is assumed if you perform branding using accepted methods and following registered brand protocols.

A **Livestock Branding Technician** is trained to conduct freeze or hot branding humanely, safely, and legally. Here's the standard pathway:

1. **Gain Hands-On Experience**
 - Start by working around horses or livestock—help in branding procedures under supervision to learn placement, timing, restraint, and aftercare.
2. **Complete Formal Training or Apprenticeship**
 - Attend workshops or training programs in livestock identification and animal handling.
 - Learn proper use of branding tools, safety protocols, and species-specific techniques (brand location, contact duration based on coat color).

➤ ELLISTON EQUINE SOLUTIONS, LLC 520-686-2209

CARD 235

SADDLE FITTER

Saddle Fitters: Role and Facility Guidelines

A **saddle fitter** is a trained professional who evaluates and adjusts saddles to ensure proper fit for both the horse and rider. Correct saddle fit is essential to **equine welfare, rider safety**, and overall performance. Improper saddle fit can cause behavioral issues, back pain, muscle atrophy, or long-term soundness problems.

What a Qualified Saddle Fitter Does

- Assesses the horse's conformation, muscling, and movement
- Evaluates the rider's position, balance, and discipline-specific needs
- Checks saddle tree, panels, gullet width, and symmetry
- Offers adjustment, flocking, or custom saddle services
- Collaborates with veterinarians, bodyworkers, or trainers as needed

Recommended Qualifications

While **Arizona does not currently license saddle fitters**, reputable professionals often have:

- Certification from **recognized saddle fitting schools** (e.g., Master Saddlers Association, Society of Master Saddlers UK, or Western Saddle Fit Academy)
- Equine anatomy and biomechanics education
- Experience with multiple saddle brands and disciplines
- Liability insurance and client references

Facility Policy – E Slash Nine Ranch

To provide services at E Slash Nine Ranch, saddle fitters must:

1. Be **approved by the Barn Manager** before performing services on-site
2. Submit proof of **training or certification** and **liability insurance**
3. Schedule fittings at a time that does not interfere with other ranch operations
4. Maintain a clean work area and handle horses professionally
5. Refrain from selling or modifying tack without the owner's prior consent

Boarders may use their preferred saddle fitter, provided they have been **vetted and are in good standing** with the facility. E Slash Nine Ranch does not collect payment for these services, and all financial transactions remain between the client and service provider.

Legal Note

Saddle fitters are **not veterinarians** and may not diagnose lameness, prescribe treatment, or offer medical advice. If discomfort or behavioral changes are observed during fitting, the horse owner should consult a licensed veterinarian.

➤ **Topline Saddle Fitting America**

- **Technician:** Katie & BJ Stinson (formerly from Australia, accredited by NSW Agricultural College)
- **Services:** Mobile fittings for English and Western saddles, reflocking, panel corrections, and professional advice.
- **Coverage:** Entire Arizona, including appointments hosted in Sierra Vista
- **Booking Info:** Contact via Facebook page, call 602-370-3079 or BJ at 602-527-3446

➤ **Schleese Saddle Fitting Semi-Annual Clinic**

- **Provider:** Schleese saddle evaluators (internationally certified)
- **Service:** Clinic-style events with on-site mobile fitting appointments in Sierra Vista and Tucson.

➤ **EquiScan Saddle Fitting (Ray & Bobbie)**

- **Service:** Advanced FSA pressure-mapping technology on-site in Arizona—including Tucson/Sierra Vista—
- **Booking Info:** Contact via website or call 1-608-633-3300 for mobile appointments

CARD 240

LARGE ANIMAL REMOVAL SERVICES

➤ Deceased Equine & Large Animal Disposal

- Covers the **entire Southern Arizona region**, including Sierra Vista, Tucson, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties
- Offers **compassionate, respectful 24/7 dead-horse pickup and disposal**, with 38+ years of experience in horse care and industry knowledge.
- Contact: **John or Phyllis**, available day or night at **520-442-8136**.
- Service includes on-site retrieval, transport, and disposal in compliance with local regulations

➤ Southern Arizona Large Animal Removal Services

- Based in Benson, AZ, and serving Central & Southern Arizona—including Sierra Vista—24/7
- Provides fast, professional removal of dead horses, cattle, and other large livestock. They can transport to landfill or a necropsy facility as needed
- Contact: **520-686-1934** or salanimalremoval@gmail.com.
- Staffed by individuals with extensive livestock handling experience and modern equipment; prices are reasonable and assistance is prompt.

CARD 245

EQUINE COMMUNICATOR

A person who claims to "talk to horses" using intuitive or extrasensory perception is commonly referred to as an **animal communicator** or **equine communicator**. In popular terms, this is sometimes equated with being a "**horse psychic**."

What Is an Animal Communicator?

An animal communicator claims to receive messages from animals through:

- **Telepathy or intuitive connection**
- **Reading energy or emotions**
- **Spiritual impressions or inner visuals**
- Some use techniques similar to **Reiki, chakra reading, or body scanning**

They may work in person or remotely using a photo of the horse.

In the Equine World:

These communicators often say they can:

- Identify physical discomfort or emotional trauma
 - Help locate lost horses
 - Mediate between horse and rider for training challenges
 - Assist during end-of-life decisions for clarity or closure
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Legal and Scientific Considerations

- **Not licensed or regulated** by any governing body in Arizona or nationally
 - Their services are **not recognized as veterinary, therapeutic, or diagnostic**
 - Many equestrians use them as a complementary or **spiritual support option**, not a substitute for professional equine care
 - **Skepticism** exists due to lack of empirical evidence, though some clients report personal or emotional value
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Facility Policy

“While E Slash Nine Ranch respects individual belief systems, the facility does not endorse or regulate animal communication services. Boarders are free to utilize such services at their own discretion. Any on-site visits by non-medical animal practitioners must be approved by the Barn Manager.”

➤ **Alison Martin – Animal Soul Connection**

- **Service:** Intuitive animal communicator for horses, cats, dogs, and other animals.
- **Location:** Sierra Vista, AZ
- **Notes:**
- **Contact:** You may find her through her Facebook page *Animal Soul Connection with Alison Martin*.

➤ **Charles Peden – Psychic Medium & Animal Communicator**

- **Service:** Psychic readings and animal communication, including for horses.
- **Location:** Tucson, AZ
- **Reputation:** Described as a highly gifted communicator with a kind approach.
- **Contact:** Search for “Charles Peden Psychic Medium & Animal Communicator” on Yelp

CARD 250

MAGNA WAVE PRACTITIONERS

Protocol for E/9 Ranch

1. Vet Consultation Required

Before any session, the equine's veterinarian must **approve MagnaWave usage**, verifying the horse is a good candidate for non-invasive therapy.

2. Certified Practitioner Only

Only **MagnaWave-certified practitioners** with documented credentials and insurance may operate on-site.

3. Informed Consent

Clients must sign a facility-specific consent form outlining the nature of PEMF therapy, its benefits, limitations, and risks—explicitly stating that **this is not a veterinary treatment**.

4. Scope of Practice

Providers **may not diagnose, treat, or prescribe medications**—they must comply with veterinary professionals for medical services.

5. Record-Keeping

Maintain logs for each session: date, duration, machine settings, and practitioner credentials.

6. Scheduling & Facility Policies

PEMF sessions must be scheduled in advance, with practitioners checking in at the office and cleaning up their equipment after use.

MagnaWave for Equine Use

Overview

MagnaWave is a Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) therapy commonly used in the equine industry as a complementary wellness tool. While not a substitute for veterinary care, it is widely recognized for its potential to support recovery, reduce discomfort, and promote overall well-being in horses.

Common Applications of MagnaWave on Horses:

1. Pain Management

- Helps reduce inflammation in joints, muscles, tendons, and ligaments

- Frequently used to support horses suffering from arthritis, sore backs, and general body soreness
- 2. **Muscle Recovery & Conditioning**
 - Enhances blood circulation and oxygenation of muscle tissue
 - Accelerates recovery time after training, hauling, or competition
- 3. **Injury Recovery Support**
 - Aids in the healing of soft tissue injuries including strains, sprains, and bruising
 - Reduces swelling and edema surrounding injury sites
- 4. **Hoof Health**
 - Improves blood flow to the hoof, beneficial for laminitis, abscesses, or poor hoof growth
- 5. **Stress Reduction & Relaxation**
 - Horses often exhibit signs of deep relaxation during sessions
 - Useful pre- and post-event to calm the horse physically and mentally
- 6. **Mobility & Flexibility**
 - Assists with stiffness and increases range of motion, especially in aging or high-performance horses
- 7. **General Wellness & Immune Support**
 - Stimulates cellular metabolism and promotes general systemic wellness

Important Considerations:

- MagnaWave should not be used as a replacement for licensed veterinary diagnosis or treatment.
- Practitioners must not diagnose, prescribe, or claim to cure medical issues.
- Prior veterinary consultation is recommended, especially when treating horses with existing health conditions.

Facility Use Policy:

If MagnaWave services are offered or performed at the E Slash Nine Ranch, practitioners must be authorized by the Barn Manager and carry appropriate liability insurance. Written owner consent is required before application on any boarded horse. All sessions should be documented, and practitioners must follow professional standards of care.

MagnaWave services are offered by a number of qualified practitioners within a two-hour radius of Sierra Vista, Arizona. In random order, some of the local options include:

➤ **Equine Bodyworks by Mandi**, serving Cochise County with mobile PEMF sessions;
Contact: Currently available via Facebook message or phone/text for scheduling inquiries; please reach out through the **Equine Bodyworks by Mandi** Facebook page.

➤ **High Desert Pulse Therapy**, offering equine and livestock services in Benson and surrounding areas;
Contact: Via their **High Desert PEMF** Facebook page. The service promotes no-touch therapy for horses and livestock

➤ **Southern Arizona MagnaWave** out of Tucson, which travels for barn calls and events
Contact: Reachable via their **Wynn Again MagnaWave Services** Facebook page

➤ **Healing Hands & Hooves PEMF Therapy**

- **Service Type:** Mobile MagnaWave/PEMF therapy and bodywork sessions for equines (and other animals)
- **Service Area:** Southern Arizona, including Sierra Vista & Huachuca regions
- **Contact:** Reach out via the **Healing Hands & Hooves PEMF Therapy** Facebook page

➤ Sky Island Ranch, Gayle Garland, 520-210-1509.

These professionals offer varying service packages, including maintenance therapy, injury recovery, and performance enhancement support. While E Slash Nine Ranch does not endorse any specific provider unless asked directly by a boarder, all practitioners must be pre-approved by facility management prior to offering services on-site.

APPENDIX
3
HORSE TRAINERS

CARD 300 GENERAL

In the **State of Arizona**, there is currently **no formal licensing requirement** for horse trainers at the state level. However, equine professionals—including horse trainers—are still subject to a variety of **state laws, business regulations, and legal liabilities** that impact how they operate within the industry.

1. Licensing & Certification

Arizona does not require state licensure to be a professional horse trainer. However, many trainers build their qualifications through **hands-on experience, formal study, and clinician-based certification programs** to enhance credibility, business professionalism, and legal defensibility.

◆ Popular Trainer Development Paths Include:

- **Lyons Legacy Horse Trainer School** – Founded by John & Josh Lyons, this program provides a structured, immersive experience that combines theory with hands-on training in horse psychology, groundwork, and advanced riding techniques.
- **Clinton Anderson's Clinician Academy** – Offers in-depth education on the Downunder Horsemanship Method, focusing on practical application and professional development.
- **Warwick Schiller's Online Training & Clinics** – Includes video-based learning and live clinics emphasizing emotional control, consistency, and biomechanically sound training methods.
- **Monty Roberts' Join-Up® Courses** – Provides coursework and practical training in non-violent equine communication, herd behavior, and trust-building.
- **Buck Brannaman Clinics** – Though not a formal certification, his clinics are recognized as foundational experiences in natural horsemanship.

◆ Hands-On Experience & Equine Studies

Many professional trainers also gain experience through:

- **Equine Studies programs** at colleges and universities (e.g., University of Arizona, Cochise College)
- **Internships or working student positions** with experienced horsemen and clinicians
- **Apprenticeships on working ranches or show barns** across disciplines like reining, cutting, dressage, or colt starting
- **Youth development programs** such as 4-H, FFA, and breed-specific youth initiatives

This blend of **education and real-world application** equips trainers with the skills necessary to manage various equine personalities, rider needs, and training challenges—while also supporting safer, more effective client relationships.

Contracts and Agreements

Trainers operating at a boarding facility or as independent contractors should have:

- **Training agreements with release of liability**
- **Clear terms for payment, horse care, tack use, and progress reports**
- **Clarification on emergency veterinary care authority**
- Compliance with **barn rules** and acknowledgment of **facility policies**

Practices at E Slash Nine Ranch

- Trainers should be **vetted and approved** by the Barn Manager.
- Must carry **proof of insurance** and professional references.
- Required to operate under a **signed agreement** on file with the facility.
- May not remove horses from the premises without **written owner consent**.

All trainers operating at E Slash Nine Ranch must have a current, signed agreement on file with the facility. This agreement formalizes their working relationship with the ranch, outlines scope of practice, establishes expectations and professional standards, and confirms necessary insurance coverage and liability waivers. This agreement outlines expectations, responsibilities, insurance verification, and authorization to conduct training activities on-site.

Local Trainer List

E Slash Nine Ranch maintains a curated list of local horse trainers who are available to provide a variety of services on-site or by referral. This list is intended to assist boarders and clients in finding reputable professionals within the region who specialize in disciplines such as colt starting, behavioral correction, groundwork, trail preparation, western performance, and advanced horsemanship. Inclusion on the trainer list does not imply exclusive endorsement by the facility; however, all listed individuals have submitted verification of experience, insurance, and professional conduct, and have been approved by the Barn Manager. Boarders are encouraged to communicate directly with listed trainers and ensure the trainer they select aligns with their horse's needs and training goals. The trainer list is updated regularly based on community feedback, service quality, and adherence to facility standards. A directory of horse trainers located within a two-hour radius of the ranch.

Trainers are listed in no specific order:

- ELLISTON EQUINE SOLUTIONS, LLC
 - 520-686-2209
 - www.ellistonequinesolutions.org
 - Services: Full-time training including colt-starting, problem horses, groundwork, riding lessons, clinics, packing instruction, freeze branding.
 - Location: Herford area
 - Contact: (520) 686-2209; ellistonequinesolutions.org
 - Credentials: Lyons Legacy Certified Trainer, CHA-certified instructor, experienced clinician and farrier.
- Narrowgate Sport Horses (Heather Nehs)
 - Services: Sport-horse training, sales, boarding, lessons, groundwork, desensitizing
 - Location: 7029 E Baratara Blvd, Sierra Vista
 - Contact: (859) 230-5542; narrowgatesporthorses.com
 - Focus: Performance-oriented with personalized owner participation
- It's A Cinch Horsemanship, LLC
 - Services: Children and teen riding lessons, English/Western disciplines, youth shows
 - Location: Sahuarita, AZ (~1 hr from Sierra Vista)
 - Contact: (520) 425-6362
- Big Hat Horse Training
 - Services: AQHA/AQAP-certified training in working cow horse, cutting, reining, rope events, barrels
 - Location: Dragoon, AZ (approx. 30 min from Sierra Vista)
 - Contact: (520) 260-4961
- Al's Horse Academy
 - Services: Horse training, riding lessons (ages 3–103), competition prep, camps, horse sales, boarding, transportation
 - Location: Hereford (just outside Sierra Vista)
 - Contact: (520) 508-0449;
 - Highlights: Family-oriented, multi-discipline offerings with indoor/outdoor arenas.

➤ Jabez Ranch Horsemanship, LLC

- Services: Customized horsemanship education for horse and rider through foundational groundwork and clinic experiences.
- Location: Sierra Vista (by appointment)
- Contact: jabezranchhorsemanship@gmail.com

➤ Desert Mermaid Horsemanship

- Reach out via their official Facebook page: Desert Mermaid Horsemanship. Inquiries, booking, and updates are available via Facebook messaging.

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PROTOCOL FOR BOARDERS WHO ACT AS HORSE TRAINERS

E Slash Nine Ranch Policy

Boarders who wish to offer **horse training services** while boarding at E Slash Nine Ranch—whether for personal, client-owned, or project horses—must comply with the following protocol to ensure safe, professional, and legally responsible operations on-site.

1. Barn Manager Approval

- No training of client-owned or third-party horses may occur without **written approval** from the Barn Manager.
- This includes paid or unpaid training arrangements.

2. Signed Trainer Agreement

- All boarders acting as trainers must sign an official **Horse Trainer Agreement**, which outlines scope of work, expectations, and facility rules.
- A **copy of any training contracts** with clients must be submitted for facility records.

3. Insurance Requirements

- Trainers must carry **current professional liability insurance**, naming E Slash Nine Ranch as an additional insured.
- Insurance must specifically cover **training, handling, and exercising horses** not owned by the trainer.

4. Trainer Qualifications

- Trainers must demonstrate appropriate qualifications, such as:
 - Certification from recognized programs (e.g., Lyons Legacy, Clinton Anderson Academy)
 - Formal education (e.g., Equine Studies)
 - Documented training experience with references or show records

5. Facility Use & Conduct

- Arena and round pen use must be **scheduled in advance** to accommodate shared use.
- Trainers must clean up after training sessions and maintain a professional, respectful environment.
- Horses under training must be handled safely and in alignment with **industry-accepted humane practices**.

6. Horse Intake & Identification

- Horses being trained by a boarder-trainer must be **clearly identified**, with updated ID sheets on stall fronts and the facility master list.
- A **training intake form** must be filed with the Barn Manager for each new horse under care.

7. Limits of Liability

- E Slash Nine Ranch does **not assume responsibility** for the results of training services rendered by boarders.
- Boarder-trainers agree to **indemnify and hold harmless** the facility from claims arising out of horse training activities on the premises.

8. Exclusions

- Boarders are **not permitted** to accept horses from outside the facility for boarding unless pre-authorized by the Barn Manager and space is contractually available.

Appendix 4

RIDING INSTRUCTORS

CARD 400

RIDING INSTRUCTORS

Riding Instructor Protocol – E Slash Nine Ranch

Applicable to Western and English Disciplines

To ensure safety, professionalism, and consistency across all mounted instructional activities, all riding instructors conducting lessons or training on E Slash Nine Ranch property must follow these established protocols:

1. Authorization & Approval

- All instructors must be pre-approved by the Barn Manager before teaching on-site.
- A signed Instructor Agreement must be on file with the facility outlining terms of use, areas of instruction, and insurance requirements.
- Instructors must operate under their own liability insurance and provide proof annually.

2. Qualifications & Experience

- Instructors must demonstrate competency in their discipline(s)—Western, English, or both.
- Credentials may include formal certifications (e.g., USDF, American Riding Instructors Association, Certified Horsemanship Association), verifiable show or competition experience, or referrals.
- All instructors should possess First Aid and CPR certification or ensure a certified assistant is present during sessions.

3. Lesson Standards

- Instructors are responsible for client safety, horsemanship ethics, and facility compliance during all sessions.
- Horses used in lessons must be appropriately matched to riders and demonstrate a calm, trainable disposition.
- Riding helmets are mandatory for minors and strongly recommended for adults.

4. Scheduling & Facility Use

- Arena time must be scheduled in advance through the Barn Manager or shared calendar.
- Instructors must clean up manure and equipment after each session.
- Any equipment or tack used must be safe, appropriate, and in good condition.

5. Professional Conduct

- Instructors must maintain courteous and respectful behavior toward boarders, staff, clients, and horses.
- Conflicts or disciplinary issues should be reported directly to the Barn Manager.
- Instructors shall not remove any horse from the premises without written authorization from the horse's owner.

6. Records & Incident Reporting

- Must sign the agreement between the instructor and the barn manager
- Any injury or safety incident must be reported immediately and documented using the ranch's incident report form.

Arizona Law Impacting Riding Instructors

1. Equine Activity Liability Act (A.R.S. § 12-553)

Under Arizona's Equine Activity Liability Act, stable operators, instructors, and facility hosts are generally **not liable** if a rider is injured due to the “**inherent risks**” of equine activities—including behaviors like spooking, kicking, or bucking—provided that:

- The participant (or guardian, if a minor) signed an appropriate **release of liability** before the activity.
- Suitable tack was used or installed properly.
- The instructor assigned a horse appropriate for the rider's skill level. [e](#)

However, liability protections do **not apply** if:

- The instructor acted with **gross negligence**, intentional wrongdoing, or failed to disclose a known hazard at the facility.

2. Unlicensed Riding Instructors

Arizona does not require any **state licensure or official credential** to work as a riding instructor. However, instructors often obtain recognition via **private certifications**—such as ARIA, USDF, Lyons Legacy, or similar programs—to:

- Enhance credibility
- Meet **insurance provider requirements**
- Improve professional and legal standing in disputes

Local Riding Instructor List – Disclosure Statement

E Slash Nine Ranch provides a list of local riding instructors who offer services in Western and English disciplines. These instructors are listed in **no specific order** and are included solely for the convenience of our boarders. **The ranch does not endorse one instructor over another** unless a boarder requests a specific recommendation based on their horse's discipline, temperament, or training goals. All listed instructors have submitted the necessary documentation to operate at the facility, including liability insurance and proof of qualifications.

Boarders are encouraged to reach out to instructors directly, review their credentials, and determine the best fit for their individual needs.

Riding instructor list:

- Elliston Equine Solutions, LLC
 - www.ellistonequinesolutions.org
 - 520-686-2209
 - Instructor through the Certified Horsemanship Association

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PROTOCOL FOR BOARDERS WHO SERVE AS RIDING INSTRUCTORS

E Slash Nine Ranch Policy

Boarders at E Slash Nine Ranch who wish to offer riding instruction to others—either informally or professionally—must comply with the following guidelines to ensure the integrity of the facility, safety of all riders, and compliance with legal standards:

1. Formal Approval Required

- Any boarder intending to teach riding lessons, clinics, or groundwork sessions must receive **prior written approval** from the Barn Manager.
- This includes both paid and unpaid instruction.

2. Instructor Agreement & Insurance

- Approved boarders must sign a **Riding Instructor Agreement** and submit proof of **current professional liability insurance**.
- Insurance must specifically cover equine instruction and list E Slash Nine Ranch as an additional insured party.

3. Credentials & Experience

- Boarders must demonstrate competency in their area of instruction (e.g., Western, English, groundwork).
- Preferred qualifications include formal instruction, certifications (e.g., CHA, USDF, ARIA), or verifiable experience.
- Proof of **First Aid and CPR certification** is required.

4. Facility Use & Scheduling

- Lessons must be scheduled in advance with the Barn Manager to avoid conflicts.
- Shared arenas must remain accessible to all users unless privately rented.

5. Professional Conduct

- Instructors must maintain a professional demeanor and comply with all ranch safety and facility rules.

- Helmets are **mandatory for minors** and strongly recommended for all students.
- Horses used for instruction must be well-matched to the rider's skill level.

6. Limitations & Liability

- E Slash Nine Ranch is **not responsible** for instructional outcomes or disputes between boarder-instructors and their students.
- The boarder assumes **full responsibility** for the instruction they provide and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the facility from any related claims.

Appendix 5

FEED AND EQUINE EQUIPMENT

CARD 500

FEED AND EQUINE EQUIPMENT STORES

Equine Supply & Feed Stores

E Slash Nine Ranch recognizes the vital role that local feed and tack stores play in supporting the health, performance, and day-to-day care of our equine partners. These businesses offer a wide selection of products essential for horse owners and professionals, including quality hay, grain, supplements, grooming supplies, stable tools, veterinary products, and equine tack and equipment. Many of these stores are staffed by knowledgeable individuals familiar with the unique needs of horse care in Southern Arizona's climate and terrain. While the ranch does not endorse one business over another, we are grateful for the support of regional suppliers who serve the equine community. Boarders are encouraged to explore local feed stores, farm co-ops, and tack shops to find resources that best match their horse's nutritional and equipment needs.

➤ **JEM'S Feed & Farm Co.**

- Address: 5373 S Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ
- Phone: (520) 378-0057
- Hours: Mon–Fri: 9 AM–5:30 PM Sat: 9 AM–4 PM (Closed Sundays)

➤ **Al's Hay & Feed Barn**

- Location: 8191 E Barataria Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650
Contact: (520) 559-4554 | AlsHayBarnAZ@gmail.com
Hours: Mon–Fri: 8 AM–5:30 PM Saturday: 8 AM–5:30 PM

➤ **Benson Feed & Supply – Benson, AZ**

- Address: 639 E 4th St, Benson, AZ 85602
Phone: (520) 586-3089
Overview: Family-owned since 1961, offering high-quality hay, horse feed (Onate, Lakin), supplements, tack, fencing materials, and livestock supplies. Hosts monthly veterinary shot clinics.
Why Visit: Trusted local staple with a long history, broad inventory, and community support

➤ **Stronghold Feed & Supply – Willcox, AZ**

- Address: 401 N Railroad Ave, Willcox, AZ 85643
Phone: (520) 384-4113

Overview: Family-operated since 2019; carries horse feed, supplements, tack, fencing supplies, pest control, pet foods, and more.

Why Visit: Regional reach with robust equine and livestock inventory, locally run, supportive service.

➤ Maid Rite Feeds – Willcox, AZ

Address: 225 S Railroad Ave, Willcox, AZ 85643

Phone: (520) 384-4688

Overview: Established in 1984; manufactures bulk and bagged feeds, minerals, and supplements. Staff includes qualified nutritionists.

Why Visit: Arizona-made, quality-controlled feeds with custom nutrition planning.

➤ Tractor Supply – Benson, AZ

Address: 350 S Ocotillo Ave, Benson, AZ 85602

Phone: (520) 586-4378

Hours: Mon–Sat 8 AM–9 PM, Sun 9 AM–7 PM

Overview: Offers livestock feed, equine tack, gates and fencing, grooming tools, farm hardware, and a DIY pet wash station. Also provides delivery and curbside pickup.

Website: https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/store_Benson-AZ-85602_1783

➤ Tractor Supply – Sierra Vista, AZ

Address: 2039 E Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Phone: (520) 459-4085

Hours: Mon–Sat 8 AM–9 PM, Sun 9 AM–7 PM

Overview: Carries equine feed, supplements, grooming supplies, health care items, fencing and corral panels, and a range of horse tack. Seasonal products and trailer accessories available.

Website: https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/store_SierraVista-AZ-85635_206

➤ C-A-L Ranch – Sierra Vista, AZ

Address: 673 N Highway 90, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Phone: (520) 417-5632

Hours: Mon–Sat 8 AM–9 PM; Sun 9 AM–5 PM

Overview: A full-range farm & ranch retailer offering livestock feed, tack, fencing, pet supplies, tools, apparel, and more. Well-suited for trailer access.

➤ 3 Bar 3 Ranch & Feed – Sonoita, AZ

Address: 3113 Highway 83, Sonoita, AZ 85637

Phone: (520) 455-5734

Hours: Mon–Sat 9 AM–5 PM; Closed Sunday

Overview: Locally-owned feed provider specializing in hay, livestock and pet feed, and basic tack & supplies, conveniently located across from the fairgrounds.

- High Noon Feed & Tack – Sonoita, AZ
 Address: 3113 Highway 83, Sonoita, AZ 85637
 Phone: (520) 455-5734
 Overview: Offers a broad selection of tack, traditional feeds, pet supplies, and veterinary products—co-located with 3 Bar 3 Ranch & Feed.

- Sonoita Feed – Sonoita, AZ
 Address: 71 Holbrook Dr, Sonoita, AZ 85637
 Phone: (520) 455-5544
 Overview: Local feed store catering to livestock and pet owners with diverse feed options and community-focused service.

- Vera Earl Ranch Inc. – Sonoita, AZ
 Address: 3282 Highway 82, Sonoita, AZ 85637
 Phone: (520) 455-9317
 Overview: Ranch and feed supplier listed in equine directories; recommended for feed and farm supplies in the Sonoita region.

- Feed Options – Saint David, AZ
 While no specialized equine feed stores are located directly in Saint David, the following providers serve the area:
 - Benson Feed & Supply (See Benson listing)
 - City Girl Ranch (Saint David): Blue Ridge Beef pet food dealer – not equine-specific

Appendix 6

LEATHER

CARD 600

SADDLE AND LEATHER WORK

Boarders in need of tack repair, saddle cleaning, restoration, or custom leatherwork are encouraged to explore local saddle and leather professionals. Services available in the surrounding area may include tack repair, deep cleaning, restoration, and custom tack construction. E/9 Ranch does not offer these services directly and does not endorse or recommend specific providers. Boarders are responsible for choosing a qualified service that best suits their needs.

- Lindsey Kelly Leatherworks, 520-730-4030, Elfrida
- Stronghold Saddlery, John Moran, 520-221-3383, Benson
- Rocking K Saddlery, Frank Kaiser, 520-221-3808, Huachuca City
- Gustavo's Shoe Repair & Leather Work, Francisco Torres, 520-456-3077, Sierra Vista
- Just Shakin' Leather, 520-686-2354
- Cave Creek Saddlery, Andy & Tina Incardona, 623-258-0207, Cave Creek
- Crazy Horse Saddle Shop, Paula Smith, 480-671-0381, Apache Junction
- Lujan Leatherworks, Dogie Lujan, 805-286-6190
- Myge Corbell, Elgin, AZ 928-792-7474

Appendix 7

EQUINE SALES

CARD 700

EQUINE SALES VENDORS

An equine livestock sale vendor is any individual, company, or organization that sells horses to boarders or the public. These vendors may operate at on-site sales events, clinics, expos, or by appointment-based drop-ins.

- L Lazy T Ranch, AQHA Registered Quarter Horses, Russell & Becky Layton, 928-651-4127. Safford, AZ
- Cold Bore Ranch, Rocky Mountain Horses, Jeff & Lona Jean Roberts, Cochise, AZ

CARD 705 HORSE RESCUE

Information for Boarders Interested in Adopting or Fostering Rescue Horses

E Slash Nine Ranch supports ethical horsemanship and encourages boarders to consider equine adoption from licensed horse rescue organizations. Adopting a rescue horse can be a rewarding way to give a second chance to an equine in need while promoting humane equine practices in the community.

➤ **Horse'n Around Rescue Ranch & Foundation (Hereford, AZ)**

- A nonprofit rescue dedicated to rehabilitating neglected and abandoned equines. They host tack sales and volunteer-driven programs for over 50 horses
- **Contact:** +1 520-366-5524; located at 7484 E Highway 92, Hereford, AZ 85615

➤ **Whisper's Sanctuary at Double R Heart Ranch**

- A 501(c)(3) lifetime sanctuary in Canelo Hills, caring for abused, neglected, or retired horses. They also offer Equine Assisted Psychotherapy programs
- **Contact:** (520) 455-5424; mailing address: 2160 E Fry Blvd, PMB 342, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

CARD 710

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

What Is a Livestock Auction?

A **livestock auction** is a public marketplace where horses and other livestock (such as cattle, goats, and sheep) are sold through a bidding process. Auctions can serve various purposes:

- Selling unwanted or retired horses
- Relocating horses from estate or dispersal sales
- Buying prospects for riding, breeding, or resale
- Rehoming rescue or seized animals
- Unfortunately, in some cases, auction horses are purchased by kill buyers or shipped out of state for slaughter

Auctions range from **well-managed sales with quality animals** to **high-risk environments** where horses are sold "as-is" with no medical or training history. Buyers should exercise caution, inspect animals before bidding, and understand the terms of sale

Types of Equine Auctions

- **Consignment Sales:** Horses are entered by private owners with a set reserve price or no reserve.
- **Dealer or Liquidation Sales:** Large groups of horses sold quickly, often with minimal background.
- **Sport Horse Auctions:** Focused on trained or performance-ready horses.
- **Rescue or Sanctuary Auctions:** Rare but may occur for fundraising or placement of rehabilitated animals.

Considerations Before Buying at Auction

- Horses are usually sold **without guarantees**.
- **Health, soundness, and training levels** may be unclear or misrepresented.
- There may be **no return policy or legal recourse** after purchase.
- New purchases should be **quarantined** before entering any boarding facility.

Facility Policy for Auction Horses (E Slash Nine Ranch)

Boarders wishing to bring auction-purchased horses to the facility must:

- Notify the **Barn Manager prior to purchase**
- Provide **quarantine details, proof of Coggins test**, and veterinary clearance

- Understand that **auction horses with aggressive or unmanageable behavior may not be accepted**

E Slash Nine Ranch supports responsible rehoming but encourages boarders to research auction conditions, seller backgrounds, and post-purchase needs.

📌 **Livestock Auctions Near Sierra Vista and Southern Arizona**

1. Willcox Livestock Auction

- Location: 1030 N Haskell Ave, Willcox, AZ 85643
- Known for cattle and horse sales, including occasional tack auctions
- Contact: (520) 384-2206 | willcoxlivestockauction.com

2. P & M Livestock Auction (Marana, AZ)

- Location: 12180 W Grier Rd, Marana, AZ 85653
- Offers horse sales along with cattle/goats
- Typically includes consignment horses and occasional liquidation sales
- Contact: (520) 682-4400

3. Monthly Horse Sale – Phoenix/Tucson Area (varies by venue)

- Check local listings for pop-up events or specialty equine auctions held at feedlots, fairgrounds, or tack stores.
- Example sources: Craigslist (farm & garden), AuctionTime, EquineNow

1. Robertson Horse Sales (Benson Livestock & Tack Auction)

- **Location:** 714 N Madison Ave, Benson, AZ 85602 [a](#)
- **Schedule:** Held monthly on the **2nd Saturday**, with tack auction starting at 10 AM and horse sales beginning after 12 PM
- **Services:** Features **horse, tack, and livestock** auctions; consignments accepted (check-in by ~11:30 AM). Overnight and holding options available.
- **Contact:** (520) 586-9230

Appendix 8

LOCAL COMPETITIONS

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RIDING GROUPS

CARD 800 CLUBS

Riding and saddle clubs are organized groups or associations of horse enthusiasts who come together to share a common interest in horseback riding, horsemanship, and equestrian community activities. They may vary widely in purpose, structure, and membership but generally promote responsible riding, education, and camaraderie among horse owners and riders.

Definition

A **riding club** or **saddle club** is a **voluntary organization** formed around recreational or competitive horseback riding. Members often share access to riding facilities, trail rides, clinics, shows, or social events.

Types of Clubs

1. **Recreational Trail Riding Clubs**
Focused on group trail rides, exploring public or private land, camping trips, and outdoor riding events.
2. **Saddle Clubs**
Often more structured, with bylaws, elected officers, and regular meetings. These clubs may host schooling shows, gymkhanas, barrel races, or obstacle challenges.
3. **Discipline-Specific Clubs**
Centered around a discipline such as Western, English, dressage, reining, or natural horsemanship.
4. **Youth Riding Clubs**
Programs like 4-H, Pony Club, or FFA-affiliated groups that provide structured equestrian education and competitions for young riders.

Benefits of Membership

- Access to **arenas**, trails, or obstacle courses
- Discounted entry to **clinics, competitions, or social events**
- Community and **peer learning opportunities**
- Support for local equestrian causes and **volunteer work**
- Sometimes offers **insurance or legal protections** for members during events

Examples Near You

- Sierra Vista Riding Club – Offers community arena use, rule-based membership, and open riding events

- info@sierravistaridingclubaz.com
 - Access to the club's main arena, round pen, and new jump arena
 - Participation in trail rides, gymkhanas, and year-end awards
- Sonoita-Elgin Riding Club – Known for gymkhanas, youth shows, and local parades
- Contact & Venue: Sonoita Fairgrounds, Hwy 83 & 82, Sonoita, AZ
- Huachuca Saddle Club (Greater Sierra Vista & Cochise County)– Gymkhanas
- <https://huachucasaddleclub.org>
- Hozro Ranch Riding Group, Mia Reavis, 520-335-4799, hozroranch@yahoo.com
- A back country riding group for intermediate to advanced riders, who want to challenge themselves and their mounts for continued growth of both.

Appendix 9

OTHER

CARD 900 BACKHOE

Backhoe Use for Large Animal Burial at E Slash Nine Ranch

Purpose

In the unfortunate event of an equine fatality, a backhoe may be used on the E Slash Nine Ranch property to conduct lawful and respectful **on-site burial** of large animals. This policy outlines the procedure, safety requirements, legal compliance, and boarder responsibilities associated with this process. See Blue Book for requirements.

- Juli's Backhoe Service, Julio Del Muro, 520-227-2430, Sierra, Vista
- Brandon Humbleton, 520-456-5229
- Stephen Boice, 520-907-8765 Hereford, AZ

CARD 905

EQUINE SIGNS

Equine Stall Sign – Recommended Information

Each stall at E Slash Nine Ranch should display a **clearly visible, weather-resistant sign** containing the following information:

◆ Horse Information

- **Horse's Name:** (e.g., "Cinders")
 - **Breed:** (e.g., Mustang)
 - **Color/Markings:** (e.g., Bay with star and snip)
 - **Gender:** (e.g., Mare / Gelding / Stallion)
 - **Age / DOB:** (e.g., 12 years, foaled 2013)
 - **Microchip / Brand / Tattoo #:** (if applicable)
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◆ Owner/Handler Info

- **Owner's Name:**
 - **Emergency Contact:**
 - **Veterinarian Contact:**
 - **Farrier Contact:**
 - **Approved Handlers (if not owner):**
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◆ Care Instructions (Optional or Coded)

- **Feeding Schedule & Feed Type**
- **Supplements / Medications**
- **Special Notes:** (e.g., "Kicks," "Hard to Catch," "Allergic to alfalfa")
- **Turnout Schedule:** (e.g., AM turnout with paddock group)

Tip: Use **color-coded indicators or icons** for fast recognition (e.g., red = caution, green = beginner safe)

Stall Sign Templates Can Be:

- Laminated 8.5"x11" sheets with a dry-erase option
- Mounted plastic signs with replaceable inserts
- Kept uniform in layout to maintain a professional appearance
- Included in the **Barn Master Book** for redundancy

Legal Note:

All posted stall signs are considered **supplementary tools**, and not a replacement for contractual owner responsibilities. Any discrepancies must be verified with the barn manager or the signed boarding agreement.

- Apache Signs, 520-458-6638
 - 169 E. Fry BLD, Sierra Vista, AZ, 85635
 - Making signs since 1971

CARD 910

EQUINE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Commercial (haulers): Experienced, insured commercial haulers for long distances or multiple horses.

Verify references, insurance, biosecurity procedures, and trailer maintenance. Get a written contract and clarify responsibility for emergencies.

- Ian Macdonald, owner & driver, for Carousel Trails Equine Transport. He does nationwide door-to-door service of clean loads. (No hauls from slaughter pens). The company is DOT/MC Compliant and insured.
Email: is ian@carouseltrails.com
Cell: 520-604-9813
Website: <https://carouseltrails.com>

CARD 915

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

Sierra Vista Animal Control, 520-458-4151

Sierra Vista Police Department, 520-452-7500

Dispatch/SEACOM, 520-803-3555

Cochise County Sheriff's Office, 520-432-9500

Huachuca City Police Department/Animal Control, 520-456-1337

AZ Game and Fish, 520-628-5376

Cochise County Humane Society (coashisecountyhumanessociety.org)

Veterinary Assistance, 520-955-0668

Trap-n-Release, 520-508-6083

Tucson Wildlife Services, 520-290-9453

Gray Hawk Nature Center, 520-458-0542

Border Animal Rescue, 520-432-7964

Rescue Adoption Volunteer, 520-255-1445

Sierra Vista Herald, 520-458-9440

Bisbee Animal Shelter 938, 520-432-6020

Cochise County Sheriff's Department/ Animal Control, 520-432-9501

State Livestock Inspector Dispatch, 623-445-0281

Border Patrol Bisbee, (520) 432-5121