## HART Equine Therapeutic Center, Inc.

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## **PAYMENT, CANCELLATION AND WEIGHT POLICIES 2024**

HART Equine Therapeutic Center, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that is committed to offering therapeutic services to the community.

Payments are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month prior to service being rendered.

- ♥ Initial/renewal evaluation \$100
- ♥ Therapeutic riding group session \$100 45 minutes/1 hour
- ♥ Therapeutic riding private session \$200 45 minutes
- ♥ Grooming class \$50 ½ hour
- ♥ Grooming/groundwork class \$50 ½ hour

The most benefit for students is attending each lesson; students are expected to attend 4/5 classes per month. Your commitment to services is important for the program. HART still incurs all the costs related to that time, as well as impacting volunteers, horses and instructors.

If the participant arrives more than 10 minutes late without adequate notice, the instructor has the right to refuse service. **Your appointment is just like any other appointment**. This policy maintains the quality of the lesson and ensures it is not interrupted by late arrivals. This is also for the well-being of all participants and will ensure enough volunteers on hand for the safety of the lesson. If you know you are going to be more than 5 minutes late to a lesson, please call or text the center and leave a message.

Please give 1 week notice for vacation cancellations and 24 hours for all other instances. Instructors and volunteers appreciate as much notice as possible when a participant is unable to come to class. Some volunteers travel a distance to help HART offer this service. The lesson plan, number of volunteers, horse mounting order and usage, along with many other dynamics in the class are affected by missing participants.

HART reserves the right to conduct ground lessons if we do not have the proper number of volunteers needed to safely conduct a riding class, therapeutic riding rates still apply.

If the participant has a case with a government agency that will pay for equine-assisted services, we can bill them directly. Any changes regarding "responsibility for payment" must be emailed to us in advance. If payment is not received, the parents/individuals are responsible for the outstanding fees within 60 days of the last lesson. **Parents/individuals are responsible for supplying an approved authorization by your chosen agency.** 

**HART cancellation policy:** We reserve the right to cancel or postpone classes for safety reasons or weather conditions. In the event a class is cancelled, the instructor will call/text participants and volunteers. Please be aware that classes may be cancelled 2 hours prior to start time, some volunteers are traveling a distance. Any classes cancelled by HART will be credited to the next month.

For the safety of our horses and volunteers, **HART does not allow students under 4 years of age or over 200 pounds to ride**. Because HART would love to have you participate if you fall outside our guidelines, you are welcome to inquire about groundwork or grooming classes.

I have read and understand the payment, cancellation, make-up, and weight policies by which HART Equine Therapeutic Center, Inc. operates. By signing below, I indicate my willingness to abide by the rules and policies.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME PRINTED: DATE: SIGNATURE: