



DARK HORSE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE BARN ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY RULES

If you use something, put it back where you got it. This would include manure forks, shovels, buckets, etc. It also includes your things. Remember to check behind yourself, children and guests before you leave the barn.

If you borrow something, put it back where you got it. Do not borrow things (grooming supplies, tack, fly spray, etc) from other boarders unless you have permission and then return them in the condition that, or better condition than you found them.

If you find something put it in the lost and found. We all sometimes forget to put things up. If you find something around the barn and don't know whom it belongs to, put it in the lost and found located in the tack room.

If you break something, fix it or report it. Things break for one reason or another. If something breaks while you are using it either fix it or let Bekah or Tony know so it can be repaired. If you notice that something is broken, report it so it can be repaired. This will help keep the barn in good working order for everyone.

If you make a mess, clean it up. Please clean up manure, hair, dirt, hoof trimmings and anything your vet may leave. There is a wheelbarrow and forks available in the barn entrance. Please help us keep the wash racks clean. Trash cans are located in the barn entrance and tack room entrance. Please do not put manure in the trash cans. It is also best to put hoof trimmings and hair in the wheelbarrow or manure pile.

Do not leave hose nozzles on the ground. Please hang the hose nozzle or end of the hose hanging up somewhere. This will prevent a horse from stepping on it or someone driving over it. This will also keep dirt from clogging sprayers.

Please keep your tack area clean and neat. Label all tack and equipment as well as your cubby. If you have lost or misplaced something, it will be easier to identify and return it to you if it is labeled.

Do not walk horses inside tack or feed rooms. Or allow them to wander into these rooms. This is not safe.

Do not leave your horse unattended. Leaving a horse tied or roaming loose and unattended is not safe for the horse or other horses or people in the area. If you cannot attend to your horse, please put your horse in a stall, round pen or arena. Horses are not allowed to be loose outside of pastures, paddocks, round pen or arena.

Stalls are for sick, injured horses or temporary use. If you have a sick or injured horse, please notify Bekah to make arrangements. Additional stabling fee apply for overnight use of stalls. If you need to use the stall temporarily (so as not to leave the horse tied), let Bekah know. Please clean up thoroughly after your horse so stalls will be clean when needed. Please do not leave water or feed in buckets in the stalls.

Absolutely no smoking is allowed in the barn or tack area or any out building. Smoking is a major fire hazard in a barn and out buildings.

The barn refrigerator is for boarder use. It is located in the tack room. You may store carrots and apples for your horses and snacks and drinks for yourself, but please keep track of them and dispose of them when necessary.

Young children are to be under direct supervision. Children under the age of 8 years must be directly supervised by a competent adult at all times. Children over the age of 8 should be supervised in accordance with their maturity and familiarity with the risks inherent in a barn and around horses. Children are the direct responsibility of the individual who brings them. Children should abide by the barn rules and should also be instructed regarding appropriate behavior in the barn area and around horses.

Helmet policy: It is strongly suggested that you wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet whenever you mount your horse. Children under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet on DHEC property or at any event sponsored by DHEC. All guests must wear a helmet when riding on DHEC property.

Do not climb on pasture gates. This will damage the gate and/or the gate hinges.

The horse speed limit around the barn, house and outside the arena is “walk”. Please do not run your horse in these areas.

DHEC is not open to the public. It is a private business and everything done here is for the students, boarders and their horses. The only guests that are allowed on the property are guests of individual boarders or of the Koutsos family. A boarder must accompany guests at all times. All guests, whether they ride or not, must sign a DHEC rider release. If the guest is under age 18 their parents must sign for them.

Dog policy: DHEC has several barn dogs on the property that are friendly. Boarders are permitted to bring leashed dogs on DHEC property provided they are well mannered and get along ok with the barn dogs. DHEC has a ZERO TOLLERANCE policy for any form of aggression from visiting dogs. DHEC reserves the right to ask boarder to remove their dog from the property. Guests are not permitted to bring dogs onto DHEC property (exception to service dogs).

Vet and Farrier appointments: DHEC makes annual vet appointment for yearly shots, and schedules farrier appointments on a 5 week rotation with Ricky Baumgharner. It is the responsibility of the horse owner to be present during appointments (unless otherwise arranged with Bekah), to sign up for services, and to provide pre-payment. You may make your own appointments with your vet and farrier if would rather. Ultimately, it is the boarder’s responsibility to make sure that their horse receives the required health maintenance and other health or veterinary needs, as well as providing regular hoof care. Post appointments on the board in the barn in case someone else needs a vet or Farrier, the trip fee could be shared.

DHEC Deworm and vaccination schedule: DHEC horses are on a daily dose of DE, a natural de-wormer. If you prefer for your horse to be on a rotational worming program, this is the program we recommend that you follow. It is important that all horses be routinely vaccinated and dewormed for the health and safety of all horses on DHEC property.

Month	Deworm	Vaccination
January	Pyrantel Pamoate	
February		Tetanus, Encephalitis, Rabies, West Nile, Flue, Rhino
March	Praziquantel/Ivermectin	
April		
May	Ivermectin	
June		
July	Fenbendazole	
August		Encephalitis, West Nile, Flu, Rhino
September	Moxidectin** OR Fenbendazole double dose 1x a day for 5 days	
October		
November	Ivermectin	
December		

**Some horses can have reactions to Moxidectin especially if overdosed. It is important to dose according to weight. Use a weight tape to determine the horse’s weight and dose accordingly.

Dark Horse Equestrian Centre is not responsible for any theft, damage, loss of use, vandalism, natural disaster or other loss that might occur to your tack, trailer or horse. These items can be insured in the boarder’s name and under home owner policies.