

Silver Moon Farm Horse Guest Guidelines



Welcome to Silver Moon Farm, home of EquiLightenment and Silver Moon Iberians. Our facility has been designed to provide a peaceful learning environment for humans and horses. We wish you a wonderful time of inspiration, enlightenment, friendship and fun! Please let us know if we can do anything to make your stay more enjoyable.



Health Records

You MUST send us copies of your horse's negative Coggins report, AND recent vaccine history prior to your arrival. Silver Moon is an active breeding farm with a new foal crop each spring, and so up-to-date vaccines are a must for any horses coming as guests. Minimum requirements are the following vaccines within 6 months of your visit to Silver Moon: Eastern, Western, West Nile, Rhino, Flu; you can email or text us copies of your records. Horses will not be allowed to unload prior to verification of health records. **** NOTE: Requirements subject to change based on current conditions – please verify prior to your visit!*

Important Farm Information

- Our resident horses include stallions, broodmares, yearlings and foals.
- Please DO NOT lead or ride your horse near any pasture fences, on driveways, service roads, or in any non-designated area without prior permission.
- Please do not allow your horse to eat ferns or any other landscaping plants.
- Please do not allow your horse to touch the mirrors in the covered arena.
- You are responsible for any property damage caused by you or your horse

Trailers

- PLEASE When driving in and out of our main entry gate, please swing wide / enter and exit straight, to avoid running over the stone borders of our entry plantings!
- If stabling with us, you can unload horse and equipment in front of the barn. Once unloaded, we will direct you to the back trailer area where you can unhitch, or to the RV hookup area if you have an LQ trailer and are staying on site. (RV hook ups must be reserved in advance.)



- If cleaning manure/shavings out of trailer, please see disposal info below (stall cleaning).
- If trailering in and out same day for a lesson, park on the west side of the parking area. When ready to leave, we'll direct you to the "ring road" behind the barn for easy exit. NOTE: For the welfare of the horses, there is a 3-hour maximum stay for those working out of their trailers. If you wish to stay longer to watch other lessons or for any other reason, please arrange in advance for the use of a stall so that your horse can be comfortable. Arena and/or stall fees apply.



Stalls:

- Stall assignments will be available upon arrival.
- You may place your feed, supplies, tack etc. against your stall front. Please be considerate and safety-minded, and help keep the aisle as clutter free as possible.
- Stalls are equipped with auto-waterers. If you are not sure that your horse will drink from one, please bring your own water bucket(s) and straps/clips.
- Stalls are equipped with all-side grills and over-head fans for air circulation.
- All horses stabled (or working from trailers) at Silver Moon must have full access to forage. We recommend a slow-feed hay nets. (Scientific researched has proven that when horses go longer than 3-4 hours without forage, there can be significant compromises to gastro-intestinal health and behavioral welfare.)
- Bedding is included with your stabling fee.

Stall Cleaning & Waste Disposal:

- Stall Cleaning: You are responsible for cleaning your stalls.
- IMPORTANT: Please pick manure throughout the day using the dark muck buckets. Empty manure into the stainlesssteel spreader behind the barn.
- IMPORTANT: Please clean urine soaked bedding at least once per day (preferably twice), using the dark muck buckets. All manure, soiled bedding and spoiled hay can be emptied into the stainlesssteel spreader.
- After removing wet shavings, powdered PDZ is available to sprinkle on the damp areas of stall mats.







Turn Out Options

• Depending on the time of year and number of guests, we may or may not have turn-out options for your horse. If available, these may range from a few hours in round pen, up to daytime and/or nighttime turn out in small grass paddocks or larger grass pastures. Please call in advance to discuss your request.

Barn Amenities:

- Wash-stall with hot water, rubber mats, fan & cross-ties (stalled horses only)
- Grooming bay with rubber mats, fans, & cross-ties (stalled horses only)
- Outdoor rinse area (stalled or trailer-in horses)
- NOTE: During fly season, we recommend you bring fly spray, and also assist in pest-reduction by removing manure frequently.
- Fire-extinguishers are located in at each end of barn (grooming bay and hay storage).
- Tack trunks may be placed neatly in barn aisle outside your assigned stall.

Designated Riding, Schooling, Hand-Grazing Areas:

- Covered Arena, 20m x 60m, mirrors, lighting, dust-free footing
 - Please do not allow your horse to touch the mirrors in the covered arena.
 - Please pick any manure from arena into muck bucket
- Two Outdoor Round Pens: 75 ft. & 45 ft. with center pillar. 4 board fencing, native soil footing
 - Please pick manure from round pens, "fling" onto "The Green"
- Outdoor Small Paddock, 20m x 40m, 4 board fencing, grass surface
 - Please use fork to "fling" any manure piles (spread across grass)
- "The Green" open grassy area
 - Please use fork to "fling" any manure piles (spread across grass)

When You Leave:

- Depending on your horse's stall habits, you may need to strip your stall prior to leaving. Please check with us before your scheduled departure.
- You are responsible to clean up any left-over hay or feed, and to wipe any manure smears on stall walls.
- If you are unable or prefer not to strip & clean, we will do it for you for a \$25 fee.

Let us know if we can answer any questions for you.

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