



Horseback riding lesson, horse rental and arena use release

WITNESS THIS RELEASE dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between **Melanie Dortschy dba. Horse Shadow Run** hereinafter referred to as Management, and _____, hereinafter referred to as User, and, if User is a minor, User's parent or guardian, _____ . For consideration received, and in return for the use, today and on all future dates of the property, facilities and services of Management, Management's instructors, employees, drivers and agents; User, User's heirs, assigns, and representatives, hereby agree as follows:

1. **Inherent Risks and Assumption of Risk.** The undersigned acknowledges there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below, and hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to the propensity of equines to behave in ways such as, running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability.

User acknowledges that horses, by their very nature are unpredictable and subject to animal whim. User assumes all risks in connection therewith, and expressly waives any claims for any injury or loss arising there from. User agrees to abide by and follow Manager's rules and regulations which maybe posted and/or available from time to time. User further acknowledges that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of User, which cannot be evaluated by Management Management's instructors and/or employees. User assumes all risks therefore and warrants a full and fair disclosure of Rider's abilities has been made to Manager.

User expressly releases Management from any and all claims for personal injury or property damage, even if caused by negligence by Management or its representatives, agents or employees.

WARNING

Horse Shadow Run – Riding with Fun

Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. User agrees to assume any and all risks involved in or arising out of User's use of any equipment or livestock pertaining to the rental of horses or taking of riding lessons, the use of any arena on the premises of Management and for purposes of taking riding lessons either on the premises or lessons given off the premises by Management personnel.
3. **USER (OR USER'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF USER IS A MINOR) AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND MANAGEMENT AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, COSTS OR EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, WHICH MAY IN ANY WAY ARISE FROM OR BE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH USER'S USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON THE PROPERTY OF MANAGEMENT AND THE FACILITIES LOCATED THEREON.** In the event User is a minor, the parent or guardian shall further indemnify, defend and hold Management harmless from any such claims by said minor child.
4. In the event User is using User's own horse, or a horse(s) not owned by Management, User warrants said horse(s) shall be free from infection, contagious or transmittable diseases. Management reserves the right to refuse access or use of any horse upon the premises that does not appear to Management to be in good health, or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.
5. Any action brought under this agreement shall be brought within one (1) year of the incident or accident giving rise to said claim. User agrees that damages shall be limited to \$250 for property damage, actual expenses incurred, and a maximum of \$10,000 for non-consequential damages such as pain and suffering.
6. User agrees to waive the protection of any applicable statutes in this jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing said release.

I, the undersigned, have read this release and understand all of it's terms. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. The effective term of this release will be one (1) year from the date of its execution.

Name (print) _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Check one: Self _____ Guardian _____ Parent _____

Home/Cell Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____