



## **Boarding Agreement**

This agreement made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to rider and/or owner and Carmen Dahlhoff and Don Ashley at The Rustic Star as management.

The owner shall leave \_\_\_\_ horse (s) at The Rustic Star for boarding. The owner shall be responsible for all veterinary and blacksmith bills. Boarding bills are due monthly in advance by the first of each month. An advance notice of 30 days is required prior to removing your horse(s) from The Rustic Star. There will be no financial reimbursement given for horses being removed from the property partially through a month. Payment is due by the first of each month—if board payment is made after the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the month, a \$5.00 late fee per day, per horse will be paid by owner. The owner further agrees that the above mentioned horse(s) shall not leave The Rustic Star until all bills are paid in full. The management reserves the right to discontinue services of any horse left on the property of The Rustic Star when 30 days or more delinquent in board payment. Furthermore, The Rustic Star will take possession of all tack left on premises after board payment is 30 days late and reserves the right to sell this tack after 45 days. Any money collected will be used toward past due board payment.

For standard board the owner agrees to pay \$285.00 per horse boarded at The Rustic Star. This price includes hay and grain twice daily when not on pasture, stalls cleaned six days per week, and horse(s) turned out daily weather permitting (weather permitting is at the discretion of The Rustic Star). If an upgraded board is chosen, for a fee of \$310.00 per month, The Rustic Star will provide all of the above amenities as well as an additional flake of hay each day per horse while horses are stalled. Upgraded boarders have an option of three different grains, determined by your horse's needs. The upgraded board price is based on a complete calendar year of payments. If you opt to remove your horse after a winter season, a cost recovery of grain will be added to your final bill.

We believe that horses are most healthy when allowed to live in the most natural environment possible. During non-inclement weather, the horses at The Rustic Star spend a significant amount of time outdoors being herd animals. We believe that minimal stall time minimizes vices that often occur when horses spend greater amounts of time in their stalls. However, we do believe that stalls are necessary during inclement weather (and throughout the harsh winter months in Michigan).

If said horse(s) become ill, management has the right to call a veterinarian, or to administer medication, or give other advisable attention within management's discretion. All veterinary expenses incurred shall be paid by the owner. The owner further agrees that management shall not be liable for the sickness or death of said horses(s) for any reason. Owner must provide name of veterinary doctor if preference is desired.

The Rustic Star Horse Boarding shall not be liable for the following for any reason: accidents, injuries, and/or theft which may happen to said horse(s) on premises, any accidents or injury that may be incurred during a riding lesson instructed by management or anyone else on the premises, and theft of or damage to vehicles or equipment while on premises.

Children under age 14 and/or children who are not consistently following barn expectations must be supervised at all times.

The owner agrees that any person brought to The Rustic Star by owner, or here to visit owner, is the owner's responsibility, which includes liability for any injury resulting from owner's guest being on said property. Anyone frequenting The Rustic Star as guests must sign a release of liability. These forms can be found on the clipboard on the desk in the main barn.

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Name/phone # of vet of choice

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Owner's signature and printed name(s) /Date

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Name of horse(s)

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Telephone & Address

## Expectations for Boarders at The Rustic Star

1. To avoid confusion, the management will feed all horses. Please do not feed extra hay or grain to your horses. The horses at The Rustic Star follow a regimented meal plan to maintain optimal health. If you choose to bring in additional food, please let the management know.
2. Please clean up after your horse. This includes any manure, urine, etc. when you are working with your horse. This also means that you are expected to sweep up after your horse if you are grooming in a concreted wing.
3. Please park off the driveway every time. This allows the driveway to be open for horse trailers, etc.
4. Always close every gate behind you, even if no horses are visible.
5. Only use your own tack, fly spray, etc. and put it away before you leave. This will minimize confusion.
6. Please stay out of the storage area in the barn (the wing with the tractor, sawdust, and hayloft). There are dangerous tools in this wing, and we want to minimize any chance of accidents.
7. Please put away any items in the arena that you use while riding such as barrels, poles, jumps, etc.
8. When another boarder is paying for a riding lesson, please be respectful of their time in the arena and split the arena in half so that the arena can be utilized by all.