

Barn Rules

Gorgasser Non Pro Assistance, LLC – 21000 E Acampo Rd, Clements, Ca 95227

Safety First

1. All riders under 18 years must wear an ASTM F-1163-01/SEI certified riding helmet, properly fitted and secured while mounted.
2. Riders should be dressed appropriately for safe riding. This includes all riders: boarders, lesson students and guests. Long pants and heeled riding boots are necessary for safety. Riders may not mount if they do not have safe footwear. A heeled boot may prevent the foot from slipping through the stirrup, which could be tragic if the rider should fall and be dragged.
3. Riding guests must sign a waiver form upon arrival to the Ranch. If the guest rider is a minor, that child's parent or legal guardian must sign the liability acknowledgement and waiver form.
4. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult at all times. Children may not be "dropped off" at the barn, as we are not equipped to supervise children while we are working. An adult must be present and accountable for each student and rider.
5. Please look after small children, as the barn can be a dangerous place. Encourage kids to behave calmly around horses. Running in the barn yard, screaming, and throwing objects is not permitted around the horses. If a horse should become suddenly frightened it could easily injure itself, the rider, or anyone else in the area.
6. Never tie a horse to the fence boards or gates. "Remember the "Five P's": *Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance*". Plan ahead to prevent spooky situations for your horse. A horse can easily pull back and break an oak board or bend a gate off the hinges causing a dangerous flight response.
7. Horses may be led by a lead rope clipped to a fastened halter only. No loose ropes about the neck, or unfastened halters. Horses may never run freely through the barnyard to their stalls. In all open and general use areas, the horse must be under your *direct control*.
8. Please be certain to pick up your trash, your children's trash or any other trash you see lying around. Let's keep our farm a beautiful place.
9. We love dogs! However, we have a "**No Dog**" policy. **If you need to bring your dog speak to us well in advance to discuss the possibility of such.**
10. Smoking is never allowed in or near the barns or the hay / shavings storage buildings. Smoking is not allowed while mounted, or while handling a horse. Smokers should pick up all cigarette butts and dispose of them in a trash can. It is the cigarette butts littering the property that is most offensive, as they are not biodegradable.
11. The farm is not open to foot traffic at this time. Please do not walk into the hay barns, shop, kennels or pastures. This is a *private working farm*, and although we are glad you are here, all areas of the farm are not safe for you to be in. Certain areas are designated for your use, others are not. Please respect the limits we must place for your safety as well as for the well being of all our animals, and the farm business.

