



Serenity Horse Rescue

Saving God's Beautiful Creatures

Serenity Horse Rescue Participant Liability Release

Participant's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

(Work) _____ (Email) _____

Please read this very carefully, as filling out and signing this agreement absolves Serenity Horse Rescue (S.H.R.) of any and all blame and/or responsibility for any accident, injury or death that the said participant may suffer due to his/her interaction with S.H.R., and in any or all related equine activities.
Initial here. _____

It is also understood and accepted that at any place where S.H.R. is located, the aforesaid applies without exception and completely.
Initial here. _____

I also understand and agree that there are always elements of risk in equine activities, including but not limited to, permanent disability or death, and that the exercise of common sense and personal awareness of said risks can help reduce these.
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I understand also that equines are independent living creatures which have their own minds and can react in fear or anger at any time, and can never be entirely predictable.
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I understand and agree that any time I am with S.H.R. or at an S.H.R. location, I will follow all the rules in this agreement, and that I am responsible for/to:

- 1) Read and obey all posted/verbal rules, warnings and information without exception.
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- 2) Always wear appropriate clothing and nonslip durable shoes/boots.
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- 3) Know all emergency procedures, including emergency telephone locations, as well as the fire, ambulance, police, veterinarian and farrier numbers, and that I will tell S.H.R. staff of any and all wrong, dangerous or potentially dangerous incidents as soon as they occur.
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- 4) I understand and accept that drinking alcohol and intoxication are prohibited on every S.H.R. location. Use of any mind altering drug is prohibited on every S.H.R. location, or when I am going to be on an S.H.R. location. If I am on any kind of medication that causes or may cause mind altering effects, I will tell an S.H.R. staff member before arriving at any S.H.R. location.
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- 5) I understand and accept that smoking in and around the barn(s) is prohibited. If I smoke, I will do so only in designated areas and will properly extinguish and dispose of my cigarette/cigar/pipe when I am finished.
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- 6) S.H.R. DOES NOT allow any prejudicial behavior of any kind in our rescue. We practice courtesy and respect for all humans and animals.
- 7) Foul language, yelling, screaming, running around or fighting will not be tolerated, and will result in the perpetrator being removed from association with S.H.R.
- 8) Be alert to and respectful of all equines' and other animals' behavior; signals from their ears, eyes or other body language can indicate biting or kicking is about to occur. Be very careful at all times.
- 9) Always speak in reassuring tones when approaching equines, and avoid sudden movements or noises.
- 10) Never leave an equine unattended with his stall door open, in the stable aisles, while he is crosstied, or in the riding ring or arena, or at any other time. Always make sure the equine is safely in his stall with the door closed, or in the pasture, paddock or turnout area with the gate closed, where he is safe from harm or from harming someone else.
- 11) Always lead an equine properly with a lead rope or stud chain.
- 12) I will pick up and put back tack and equipment I have used every time. I will clean up every mess I make. I understand and accept that S.H.R. strives to have a very clean, safe environment for all their equines, other animals and humans.
- 13) NEVER RIDE ALONE.
- 14) Check all equipment and tack, including the saddle, straps, girth, stirrups, bits and curb straps/chains prior to their use for signs of weakness and proper adjustments and cleanliness. Be sure all saddle pads/blankets are clean and in good condition before their use.

- 15) Ride in control of yourself and your mount, and only on mounts which are rated within your ability level.
- 16) Use proper equipment and wear proper riding attire, including a regulation hard hat (helmet) with the chin strap securely fastened at all times, and boots with low heels. High heeled boots are not permitted, as they are not appropriate.

I understand that S.H.R. has regulation helmets available for my use, and if I choose not to wear a regulation helmet, I am fully and solely responsible for any and all adverse consequences that arise from that choice. I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR A REGULATION HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHEN I AM RIDING.

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- 17) Be constantly aware of, anticipate and be able to avoid nearby equines, people, obstacles, natural and manmade hazards.

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- 18) Never tailgate when riding or leading an equine. Be respectful of other riders or people or animals on the ground. Just be safe.

- 19) Refrain from acting in any manner which may cause or contribute to injury to yourself or to others: human, equine or other creatures.

- 20) I will comply promptly and fully with all verbal and/or written directions from S.H.R. staff and instructors, unless I honestly believe that to do so will endanger myself, others or any equines. In such case, I will express my opinion/concern calmly and reasonably to the staff member/instructor involved. If any issue or problem arises that cannot be handled in that manner, I will express my opinion/concern completely in writing and give it to S.H.R. President Shula Woodworth. I will abide by her decision.

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Please be aware that before handling any equine or animal at S.H.R., you MUST sign this agreement in person.

I, the undersigned, _____, do hereby
(Full Printed Name)

acknowledge and assume the risk of participation in any/all equine related activities, including but not limited to riding, at S.H.R. and in any or all locations at which S.H.R. activities occur. And I acknowledge that I will release and save harmless from all liability all of S.H.R.'s officers, staff members, volunteers, instructors, advisors, and/or agents in any location where equine related activities are conducted, or equines and/or property are used, and from all claims which hereafter may develop or accrue to me due to injury, loss or damage which I or my property may suffer due to my participation in S.H.R.'s activities. I fully understand, acknowledge and accept the risks inherent in any and all equine associated activities. And I completely absolve and save harmless S.H.R., its officers, staff members, volunteers, instructors, advisors and/or agents from any and all injury/damage which occurs/may occur to me/my property for the entire course of association with and participation in S.H.R. and all of its activities.

Initial here. _____

This is my legal written signature: _____

Date: _____

I further understand that I will maintain in full force and effect a policy of insurance covering medical treatment and all related costs which occur to me in the course of my participation in S.H.R. activities, whatever and wherever they may be. I agree that if I do not maintain said policy, and if I suffer any injury due to my participation in S.H.R. related activities, I am solely responsible for any and all medical, dental and/or rehabilitative costs arising from that injury/those injuries, and that I will not bring/attempt to bring claims for those costs against S.H.R., its officers, staff members, volunteers, instructors, advisors and/or agents at any time or by any means. I understand that S.H.R. strongly urges that I maintain such insurance. I understand that this applies to myself and to any person(s) directly associated with me (ie: friends/family members) in the course of the S.H.R. activities. I further understand and accept the fact that S.H.R. does not provide health, accident or liability insurance to participants in equine or any related activities.
 Initial here. _____

I further acknowledge and agree that all of the aforesaid applies directly to the minor child named herein, who is my child/ward _____
 _____ (Minor's full printed name)

I acknowledge and agree that should said minor child suffer any injury while engaged in S.H.R. activities, I will adhere to the above agreement on his/her behalf, and make no claims against S.H.R, its officers, staff members, volunteers, instructors, advisors and/or agents at any time or by any means. (A minor is any child 18 years old or younger.)

Parent's/Legal Guardian's legal signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian's printed name: _____

Date: _____

I, _____, agree that under no circumstance will I slander, libel nor sue Serenity Horse Rescue in any way, shape or form, nor will I do so regarding any S.H.R. participants. I agree that if I do so, I will pay all court costs and attorneys' fees that arise from my actions.
 Initial here. _____

The person(s) executing this release acknowledge(s) that there is valid consideration for executing this release.

The invalidity of any statement or waiver of rights above and under local, state or federal law does not invalidate any other statement or waiver of rights above.

Signed _____ Date _____
 (Participant's Full Legal signature)

Participant is defined as any individual who takes part (or participates) in any S.H.R. activity, both on or off S.H.R. property, including but not limited to, volunteering in any capacity such as barn labor, educational activities, fund raising, riding lessons, general riding, and/or any other activity sponsored by S.H.R. at any location.

Initial Here. _____

Witness _____ Title _____
(Legal Signature)

Witness _____ Date _____
(Printed Name)

Upon approval by S.H.R. that all of the above information is correct and all the required signatures and initials are in place, the participant is welcome to take part in Serenity Horse Rescue.

S.H.R. President Shula Woodworth _____
(Legal Signature)

Date _____