

High Desert Horsemen

P.O. Box 2263
Dayton, NV 89403

Release Contract

This is a contract entered into this _____ day of _____, _____ by and between **(your name)** _____, who resides at **(address)** _____, hereinafter referred to as "I" or "User" and High Desert Horsemen (HDH) its officers and directors. This contract covers all activities and occurrences sponsored by HDH or connected in any way with HDH, use of animals, and/or equipment owned by any persons connected in any way to HDH, as well as for any other cause arising out of any activity associated with HDH.

For the mutual consideration of the parties hereto, it is hereby agreed to as follows:

1. I agree to assume all risks, liability, damage to and loss of property for any cause whatsoever arising out of participation HDH activities.
2. The User, parent or guardian understands that upon taking up the reins or lead rope the User is in primary control of the horse and that HDH is not responsible for the results of the User's actions or in-actions. The User further agrees to not abuse, misuse or deliberately agitate the horse as these actions may result in increased risk to himself and others.
3. The User has been advised that he/she should wear an approved helmet (helmet use is mandatory for 17 and younger) so as to prevent horse related injuries.
4. **LIABILITY RELEASE:** I understand that I am responsible for bodily injury or property damage which I or my child or legal ward should sustain while participation in HDH activities. I hereby, for myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns release and discharge, HDH or any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action for such injuries sustained to my person, or that of my child or legal charge and/or property.
5. That the User is currently covered by accident-medical insurance. The name of the insurance company is _____. That the User further understands that should medical emergency treatment be required, the current insurance information here listed will be provided to attending clinic or hospital to cover payment of incurred bills.
6. The User agrees to hold harmless and indemnify HDH against any injury, damage to personal property, or any other loss sustained by the User and by or to relatives, children, guests, handlers and any and all other persons participating in HDH activities.
7. The User shall be responsible for any and all damage to horses or personal property of others arising out of his/her participation in HDH activities.
8. That this contract is entered into in the state of Nevada and will be interpreted and enforced under the laws of that state.
9. Upon the signing of this contract, User acknowledges that he/she has read and agrees to be bound to HDH's rules which are incorporated herein by this reference.
10. The User agrees to leave the Area immediately, if HDH, or agents for same determine that the activities being undertaken by the User may prove harmful to the User or others for any reason.
11. The User, Parent or Guardian has read and signed the "Horse Related Activities" Warning.
12. The User acknowledges this Contract incorporates Attachment A "Liability Release for Specific Events" as part of this Contract.

I have read and do understand this page. INITIAL HERE: _____

Authorized Representative of High Desert Horsemen: _____

I, the undersigned, being of legal age and of sound mind, and not being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or intoxicants, have read and understand the foregoing contract and release. I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of this contract (if I request one) this date.

If of legal age and not under guardianship:

Signature of USER *Date*

Full Address _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Signature of SPOUSE *Date*

Full Name(s) of children if under age or guardianship.

1. _____ Age _____

2. _____ Age _____

Signature of PARENT or GUARDIAN *Date*

Photo Release

I consent to and authorize the use of and reproduction by HDH of any and all photographs or other audio-visual materials taken of me and or children under my guardianship for promotional material, education activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Date: _____ Signature _____

Date: _____ Signature _____

List below any details of allergies, ailments or handicap a User may have, and of which HDH should be aware.

Authorized Representative of High Desert Horsemen _____

Horse Related Activities
Come with this
WARNING

Section A – Protective Attire

1. I am hereby advised to purchase and wear a well-fitted helmet, hardhat or similar protective head gear fastened securely under the chin, while working around or riding horses, to prevent injuries.
2. I am hereby advised to always wear hard-soled, fully enclosed shoes or boots and socks to protect feet, and long pants to protect legs while working around or riding horses.

Section B – The Nature and Physical Character of the Horse

While domesticated, well-trained horses are usually obedient, docile and affectionate, it is important to understand that their survival instincts are what has allowed the horse to survive from prehistoric time to the present day.

1. I am advised that horses are unpredictable by nature, with minds of their own, as are all animals both domestic and wild. The horse is often somewhat high strung or nervous by nature. Horses are extremely strong and powerful physically. Horses are extremely heavy – weighing from 600 to 1,300 pounds on the average. These characteristics deserve a human being's utmost respect.
2. I am advised that when a horse is frightened, angry, under stress or feels threatened it is his instinct to jump forward or sideways, to run away from danger at a trot or gallop of speeds up to 35 miles per hour.
3. I am advised that if a horse is frightened or feels threatened from behind, it may kick straight back, sideways in either direction, or even forward with either of its hind legs with tremendous force.
4. I am advised that if a horse is frightened or feels threatened from above it or on its back, it may hunch its back and buck in a way that could throw a rider to the ground with tremendous force. A fall from a horse will usually be from a height of 3 to 6 feet.
5. I am advised that if a horse is frightened or feels threatened from the front, it may naturally react by rearing up with its front legs, strike with one or both front legs, bite with its teeth, throw its head up or from side to side, or turn directly over whatever it fears in front of it.
6. I am advised that a human must always approach a horse calmly and quietly and cautiously, preferably from near its shoulder or lower neck, talking soothingly to it.
7. I am advised that loud and/or sudden unexpected movements, dropping of objects near a horse, approaching vehicles or animals or people, ill-fitting equipment or physical pain can provoke a domesticated horse to react according to his natural protective instincts.
8. I am advised that the first signs of anger or fear in a horse are the sudden tensing of the muscles of the body, possibly laying its ears flat back against its head or quickly tossing or raising its head, or sudden snorting through the nostrils accompanying at least one other warning sign.
9. I have been advised that a horse can see independently with each eye, actually looking in one direction with one eye and in another direction with the other eye. The direction the ear is pointing is usually a hint about what the horse is concentrating on at that moment.

I have read and do understand this page. INITIAL HERE _____

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- 10. I have been advised that a horse has two blind areas around it that it cannot see. It cannot see directly behind it, or what it is eating. That is the reason it is best to approach a horse close to the shoulder, and never to surprise a horse from the rear, or to reach first for the horse's mouth.
- 11. I have been advised that while a horse is a very sure-footed by nature, it may accidentally step on an object such as a human foot, when it is balancing itself or turning about. Also, if the horse is ridden or worked on unstable ground or slippery grass or footing it could fall down injuring a rider or handler.

Please write out the following statement on the lines below:

“I have read and do understand the above warnings concerning protective attire and the nature and physical character of the horse.”

Write out statement here: _____

_____.

Signed (User) _____ Date _____

And / or **guardian** or **parents** consent for:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

Second Adult

Write out statement here: _____

_____.

Signed (User) _____ Date _____

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