

# HORSE USE/LESSON AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY. KELLY MCDANIEL DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.**

**Warning: Under Texas law, an equine professional is not responsible for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resultant from the inherent risk of equine activities**

A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE.** By signing this agreement, I and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby agree to hire or borrow from Kelly McDaniel a horse, tack and equipment or to use Salado Creek Riding Club and/or take instruction for the purpose of horseback riding today and on all future dates.

RIDER NAME _____	Date of Birth (if under 21) _____
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Does this rider have physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and/or disabilities which may affect his/her ability to safely ride a horse? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe here:

WRITE INITIALS BELOW AFTER READING EACH SECTION. RIDER AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST INITIAL.

- \_\_\_\_\_ B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS. This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered rider, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of Texas. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "horse" herein refers to all equine species. The term "horseback riding" herein refers to riding or otherwise handling of horses or ponies, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "rider" herein refers to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "I", "me", "my" shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION. I understand that horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. NATURE OF STABLE HORSES. I understand that Kelly McDaniel has done everything in her control to choose a suitable lesson horse for each rider and the horse has sound basic training unless otherwise stated. Yet, no horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of up to six feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include but are not limited to: stopping suddenly; changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, running from danger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ E. RIDER RESPONSIBILITY. I understand that upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety, and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant.

