

Santori Ranch Barn Rules and Lesson Program Etiquette

These rules are for safety, courtesy to the owners and boarders at Santori Ranch and to ensure compliance with insurance policies. Please read carefully and initial each section.

____ Waivers for both Elizabeth Bennett and Santori Ranch must be signed.

____ Lessons are scheduled on the hour. There may be overlap between students putting horses up and tacking horses for the next lesson. Please be gracious towards other students during this transition, some may need my attention more than others.

____ Students and clients are welcome to arrive early but not to interrupt ongoing lessons; sometimes lessons may run overtime due to a safety issue. Again, please be gracious as next time it might be your session that requires extra time.

____ Students riding a school horse *may not interact with the horses outside of scheduled lesson times*. This extends to both school horses and horses boarded at Santori Ranch.

____ Students are welcome to bring guests to watch lessons. All guests must sign the Santori Ranch waiver on behalf of themselves or *supervised* minors. Guests wandering the farm and interacting with the horses in an unsafe way will be given one warning and then asked to leave.

____ Students with their own horse are welcome and encouraged to arrive early to tack up to maximize riding time. Students on school horses are encouraged to groom and tack as efficiently as possible. Advanced students may ride until the end of the hour and put horses away unsupervised as long as they accept responsibility for care of horse and tack.

____ Students and clients with their own tack need to have it fitted properly by Elizabeth or another qualified professional of their choice. Poor tack fit is a welfare issue.

____ Students and clients borrowing tack from Elizabeth Bennett or Santori Ranch are responsible for any damage to the tack if it is used in an incorrect capacity, or touched outside of a scheduled lesson.

____ Students must wear safe attire for riding. Exceptions will no longer be tolerated due to insurance policies. Students in western tack must wear shirts long enough to be tucked in, long pants, and heeled boots with a smooth sole. Students riding in English tack must wear long fitted pants, shirts long enough to tuck into waistbands, and either tall boots or paddock boots and half chaps. Any students with boots or clothing that are not specifically designed for riding will either be asked to borrow footwear, reschedule their lesson, or deal with some craftily applied duct tape to zippers on the inside of the calf etc.

____All students must wear helmets, absolutely no exceptions, and are encouraged to purchase their own.

____Cancellations day of WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED. NO EXCEPTIONS. This is how I make my living. Clients with a training package may opt to have the horse ridden instead as long as I am notified in time.

____Audio recordings of lessons are not permitted. Photo and video for PERSONAL use is of course encouraged. These days everyone is a critic, and posts of photos/videos from lessons without permission will result in expulsion from the lesson program. If it had never been a problem, I would not have this rule. Social media is a public domain, and this is to ensure that Santori Ranch and Elizabeth Bennett are not accidentally portrayed in a negative light. It may seem fine to us that Frosty still has some mud on a leg, but nobody wants to deal with the armchair critics who could interpret it six ways to Sunday.