



Old Orchard Farm Horse Partnership Guidelines

This document outlines the responsibilities and privileges associated with different types of relationships you may have with horses at Old Orchard Farm.

Horse or Pony Ownership

- You, or someone close to you, has either bred and retained a foal or purchased a horse or pony for you.
 - You are the primary decision-maker regarding your horse or pony.
 - You are responsible for paying board, veterinary, and farriery costs.
 - You may choose your own veterinarian and farrier, and you are responsible for arranging their services.
 - You decide how often you ride (coordination with Linda is recommended, especially during the winter when arena space is limited).
 - You provide all tack, brushes, blankets, and equipment necessary for your horse or pony.
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Leasing a Horse or Pony

- You do not own the horse or pony, but leasing is the closest option to ownership without a purchase.
- Typically, you pay a portion of the horse's value (commonly one-third) for an agreed period (usually one year).
- Many lease agreements include an insurance policy, either provided by the owner or required of the lessee.
- Decisions regarding care and use of the horse are made in consultation with the owner and your trainer.
- You are responsible for board, veterinary, and farriery costs.
- Choice of vet and farrier is made with the owner and trainer; in some cases, the owner may stipulate specific professionals.
- You typically decide how often and when you ride, though lease terms may include restrictions.

- You provide tack, brushes, blankets, and other equipment.
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Part-Boarder – Privately Owned Horse or Pony

- You do not own the horse or pony.
 - The owner makes all decisions regarding feed, turnout, and care.
 - You negotiate the number of rides directly with the owner.
 - The owner pays board; you contribute a portion (often half). Veterinary and farriery costs remain the owner's responsibility, though you may be asked to share expenses.
 - The owner typically provides tack, brushes, blankets, and other equipment.
 - **No jumping without a coach or owner present.**
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Part-Boarder – OOF Owned Horse or Pony

- You do not own the horse or pony.
 - Your payment covers only a portion of the horse's monthly costs.
 - Feeding, turnout, and care decisions are made by Linda. Any concerns must be directed to her.
 - You are not responsible for veterinary costs.
 - You are entitled to two practice rides and one paid lesson per week (ride times arranged with Linda).
 - Horses may be used by other riders when you are not scheduled, including multiple rides per day at Linda's discretion.
 - Old Orchard Farm provides tack, brushes, blankets, and equipment.
 - **No jumping without a coach present.**
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Show Part-Board – OOF Owned Horse or Pony

- All conditions of OOF part-boarding apply.
 - Show part-boards include:
 - No horse usage fee at OOF-hosted shows.
 - No day fee for horse use at off-property shows.
 - Show part-boards are arranged **annually** (not monthly) to ensure fairness and consistency throughout the show season.
 - **No jumping without a coach present.**
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Project Horses or Ponies

OOF often has young or green horses needing further education. Riders with sufficient skill may work with these horses, ranging from groundwork to backing, riding, and showing.

- All interactions with non-school horses must be approved by Linda.
- Eligibility to work with a project horse is determined by Linda.
- Plans for the horse's training must be discussed and approved by Linda.
- Working with a project horse is **not a lease or ownership** arrangement and does not grant management privileges.
- Project horses are not exclusive—others may also be assigned to ride or handle them.
- The goal is to prepare horses to be useful riding horses for OOF programs, clients, or eventual sale. Once they reach a certain stage, they will be integrated into the school, leased, or sold, at which point your involvement may end.
- Riders unwilling to accept these terms should pursue ownership, lease, or part-board instead.
- **No jumping without a coach present.**