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**HAPPY TALK FARM & MARY WOODS FARM.
BARN RULES AND STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR**

1. BARN & RIDING ATTIRE:

Anyone mounted on a horse must wear a protective helmet.
No bare feet, flip flop or sandals to be worn around the horses.

2. LEADING AND HANDLING OF HORSES:

Only owners or family of owners are to handle their horses, absolutely no children are to handle any other than their own mounts. Horses should be lead with halters and lead lines, a chain over the nose as needed. If you do not know how to use a chain shank, please ask Bonnie. Horses should always be lead with halter and lead be walked straight to and from their stalls. HORSES ARE NEVER TO BE ALLOWED TO GO IN OR OUT ON THEIR OWN. If you have any fear or apprehension about handling one of the horses, do not handle the horse. Contact the owner and let them deal with it. (THIS INCLUDES BLANKETING)

3. SPEED LIMIT ON DRIVEWAY IS ALWAYS 5 MPH.

4. JUMPING:

Jumps are for lesson use only. If you use the poles or the cavalettis, please remove them immediately after use and put them away in the same or better manner than which you found them. Please repair anything that you break. This includes the rail on the arena. (JUMPS IN FRONT FIELD ARE RESERVED FOR LESSONS ONLY. NO HACKING OR LONGEING IN THIS FIELD.)

5. WORK AREAS:

Work areas include the East end of the barn (front of lounge) your stall, or the Wash Racks. Any lengthy projects ie: vet, blacksmith, massage, tacking up, clipping, etc. should be done in these specified work areas. THE AREA OUTSIDE OF THE TACK ROOM IS NOT TO BE USED FOR HORSES. IT IS TOO SMALL AND TOO BUSY. IT IS NOT A SAFE AREA TO HANDLE HORSES. NO TYING THE HORSES TO THE BARN WALLS, FENCES ETC. The crosstie and wash rack areas were designed for tying, grooming, bathing, etc.

6. GATES & DOORS:

All gates and doors (ESPECIALLY THE FEED ROOM) Should remain closed and latched at all times. To Avoid loose horses after hours and for the security of your horses and belongings, Please: **DAY OR NIGHT**, IF YOURS IS THE LAST CAR TO GO DOWN THE DRIVEWAY, PLEASE CLOSE THE FRONT ENTRANCE GATE.

7. STALLS:

Do not alter your stalls in any way. Do not build, hang, nail or screw anything into the walls. Your own flyspray, halter, lead and turn out equipment are the only things to be hung in front of your stall.

8. DAMAGES:

If you or your horse breaks or damages anything on the farm, please contact us ASAP. It is your responsibility to repair or replace it.

9. LOUNGE:

Please help to keep the lounge clean and tidy. Review your items in the refrigerator and toss out old half eaten food or drinks. If the garbage is overflowing, or you notice the toilet acting up, please help out the best you can and contact us.

10. ACCESS TO KIT'S (Mary Woods):

The property between Happy Talk and Mary Wood's (Kit's) Does not belong to either farm. We have been granted special permission to use this as a walking passage to cross between our 2 farms. We have been politely asked not to graze, ride, or drive across it. Humans and horses may simply walk across this easement. That's all.

11. RELEASE FORMS:

Any Guest visiting the farm MUST have a release form / waiver of liability signed and dated. Blank Release forms are in the desk in the lounge or available on the website under "forms"

www.happytalkfarm.com

12. UNATTENDEND GUESTS:

DO NOT send anyone to the farm to provide any service on your behalf if you personally are not going to be in attendance. You or your representative must be present with this guest at all times (Unless previously arranged with us.)

13. PARKING:

Please park as straight and as close as possible. Do not block the entrance to the barn or feed room. Remember that horses, people, wheelbarrows, etc. need to pass the ends of the barns as comfortably as possible. Do not park in front of the utility (tractor) barn. Overflow parking is located on the west side of the entrance driveway. Please be mindful of our young trees.

14. TACK ROOM:

Please purchase brass tags for your own bridles, and for the saddle and bridle racks that you will be using. Remove any equipment that you do not use regularly. If your equipment does not fit in your cabinet, saddle or bridle racks, please take it home, or place it in extra storage area located at Kit's. We ask that you do not place anything on top of your cabinets. Please keep your tack free from mold and mildew as it spreads to everyone else's tack as a result.

15. COMMON AREAS:

If you, your child, your vet, your farrier, your body clipper, etc. leaves a mess, please clean it up. This includes the contents of your horse's feet, your horse's manure, sweat scrapers, fly spray bottles, empty shampoos bottles, your soda cans, etc. that are constantly left on the wash racks and in the common barn areas. **If it involves your horse, it is your responsibility to clean it up.** Please be considerate to the property owners and the people using these common areas next. If you are going to or coming home from a horse show (event) Remember that someone needs to clean up. Out of consideration for other barn members, Please leave the barn in the same or better condition than you had originally found it.

16. FOUND ITEMS:

We will be placing a clearly marked container in the barn to be used for found items. If you are missing something, check the container. Items in the container for more than 30 days will be tossed out, or used by the barn.

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FEEDING AND MANAGING OF THE BARN

IN ADDITION TO FEEDING, WATERING AND TURNING HORSES IN AND OUT IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE FEEDING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR FEED SCHEDULE AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION ON THE STALL. THE BLACK BOARD IS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO ACCOMDATE FEEDING PLANS. SUGGESTION: YOU USE THE BLACKBOARD TO TELL PEOPLE TO **READ** THE NOTE ON YOUR STALL FOR ANY **CHANGES**

SWEEP THE BARN (FEED AND TACK ROOM INCLUDED) **DO NOT SWEEP ANYTHING INTO THE GRASS**. TREAT THE BARNYARD AS YOU WOULD YOUR OWN FRONT YARD.

IF YOU CLEAN YOUR OWN STALL, PLEASE PUT THE TOOLS AND WHEEL BARROW AWAY IN A NEAT MANNER.

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE TURN OUT LOCATION OR SCHEDULE.

TAKE OFF MASKS AND BOOTS WHEN HORSES COME BACK IN.

IN THE EVENT OF HURRICANE OR FREEZING WEATHER, THE WELL AND OR MAIN POWER MAY BE TURNED OFF. THE BREAKER BOX IS IN THE LOUNGE, AND THE PROPER BREAKER/S MAY BE SHUT DOWN. ALSO IN THE EVENT OF HURRICANE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO EVACUATE YOUR ANIMAL(S) / EQUIPMENT OR TO MAKE YOUR OWN SAFETY PREPARATIONS IF YOU PLAN TO STAY.

Thank you for respecting our property and considering the safety, comfort, and well being of the other members of Happy Talk and Mary Woods Farms.