

DOZAN

Riding Academy

Stable Rules and Etiquette

Facility

- Barn hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. unless other arrangements are made. Please respect these hours of operation. The tack room will be locked nightly at 10 p.m.
- Please do not park nor drive on the grass.
- The speed limit is 10 mph in the long part of the drive and 5 mph between the house and barn. Please don't speed in the driveway. When passing another car in the drive, pull over and stop until the other car passes. Do not continue driving while in the grass.
- No smoking in or around the barn.
- No dogs are allowed unless they are owned by DRA staff.
- Close paddock gates, even when paddocks are not in use.
- Keep tack room, feed room, bathroom, and lounge doors closed. Do not let cats into these rooms.
- Any lost equipment is not the responsibility of DRA or its employees.
- Please adhere to the posted wash rack rules when using them.
- Turn off lights in the arena if no one is using them. Turn off the lights and heaters in the barn if you are leaving and no one else is present.
- Only DRA staff members are permitted to add bedding to horses' stalls or feed horses extra hay. If you are concerned that your horse doesn't have enough bedding or hay, please speak directly with Molly or barn management.

Riding

- All riders must wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet while on horseback. No riding without adult supervision if you are under the age of 16.
- All participants (guests included) must sign a waiver in order to participate in equine related activities. A parent or legal guardian must sign the waiver and there must be an adult on the premises if the guest participant is under eighteen years of age in order for him or her to ride.
- Appropriate riding attire is required. Hair should be tied back in a ponytail or under the helmet with a hair net.
- For riders 18 and under and for lesson students - jumping is only allowed during your lessons, except for cavaletti and crossrails if you have been approved by Molly and are not alone.
- When flatting, please abide by the standard rules of etiquette. Always pass left-to-left shoulder. People in a lesson have the right of way. Horses/ponies jumping have the right of way. Especially look out for younger lesson students.

- No riding in aisleways.

Behavior

- Running or screaming in the barn or around the horses will not be tolerated.
- Look both ways before entering the indoor arena, and announce your entrance by using your outdoor voice and say “DOOR!”
- Close paddock gates and do not climb or swing on them.
- Do not handle someone else’s horse or belongings without explicit permission of the owner. If you borrow it, put it back the way you found it. If you open it, close it.
- Please keep in mind this is a family friendly facility. Keep conversation and vocabulary appropriate. Poor taste in behavior towards people or horses will not be tolerated.
- Conduct yourselves with dignity and good sportsmanship.

Horse Handling

- Do not feed treats to any horses in the barn without permission of the owner.
- Clean up after you and your horse. Sweep your area when you are finished. Put all brushes and tack back where they belong. Clean up manure or urine from your horse. If your horse leaves manure in the arena, scoop it up and put it in the bucket in the corner. Please clean your crosstie area BEFORE removing your horse to go to the arena and BEFORE leaving the crossties again to put your horse back in its stall.
- Do not let your horse loose outside of a fenced area. If you use an arena for turnout you must supervise your horse.
- DO NOT leave a horse/pony outside by itself if bringing your horse in. Horses must be paired. All horses should be led with a secured halter and lead rope at all times. Do not leave halters on for turnout.
- Do not walk horses through the “people door”.
- Horses should not be left unattended while tied in stalls or in the crossties.

Please be safe, responsible, and considerate! Horses are wonderful animals, but even the best minded horses can act unpredictably and even dangerously at times. We like our clients and want everyone to stay happy and healthy! Please submit requests and concerns to management in writing. We encourage communication, and we will do what we can to keep everyone comfortable. Thank You!