

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME RIDERS

- 1) *There is a black gate across the driveway. It is not locked during business hours. Please open the gate, drive through, close it behind you, and park on the driveway by the house.*
- 2) *Be prepared to get dirty! You will be learning how to groom, i.e., clean, the horse and how to tack (put on saddle and bridle) the horse.*
- 3) *Wear appropriate footwear. No one is permitted around the horses with open-toed shoes or flip flops.*
- 4) *Wear pants, not shorts. You will want pants that will not ride up on your legs.*
- 5) *Bring your bicycle helmet if you have one. Otherwise I have several hard hats available for use.*
- 6) *Bring carrots, if you like, as a treat for your hardworking horse.*
- 7) *Do not feed any horse without permission from the staff.*
- 8) *Allow staff to show you the proper technique for giving your horse a treat.*
- 9) *Feel free to bring friends and family; however, be sure they know what type of footwear is required. Anyone not riding may wear shorts or whatever comfortable clothes they prefer.*
- 10) *There is a place to sit inside the arena; however, you may also bring folding chairs if you like.*
- 11) *Anyone may ask questions during the lecture-portion of the lesson, i.e., grooming, tacking, and basic horse knowledge.*
- 12) *Be prepared to have fun and learn!*