

# HORSEMANSHIP LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

This form must be completed by or for each participant.

**Murphy's Place, LLC** stables hereafter known as "**THIS STABLE**"

LOCATION: **Steeleville, MO 65565**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

**SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY.**

**THIS STABLE DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.**

**REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE-** in consideration of the signing of this agreement, I, the following listed individual, or the parent or legal guardian thereof if a minor, do hereby agree to accept full responsibility for my own or said minors safety while handling, riding, grooming, etc., my own horse or any other horse or animal on the premises of Murphy's Place LLC.

**RIDER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18)

Does this rider have physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and/or disabilities which may affect his/her safety and ability to ride a horse? (Circle One) YES NO

If "yes" describe here:

## **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS -**

**This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered rider, and the parent or legal guardian thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of THIS STABLE'S physical location.**

Any dispute by the rider shall be litigated in and venue shall be the county in which **THIS STABLE** is physically located.

If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void.

The term 'HORSE' herein shall refer to all equine species. The term '**HORSEBACK RIDING**' herein shall

refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term '**RIDER**' shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms '**I**', '**ME**' '**MY**' shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

## **ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION-**

I UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL

SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay at U.S. hospitals. Related injuries **can be** severe requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities. I/WE further understand that applicant may be participating in a "WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE" and that the meaning of this term is defined as follows: **THE PURSUIT OF ADVENTURE TYPE ACTIVITY IN A WILD, RUGGED, AND UNCULTIVATED AREA OR REGION, AS OF FOREST and/or HILLS and/or MOUNTAINS and/or PLAINS and/or WETLANDS, WHICH WOULD LIKELY BE UNINHABITED BY PEOPLE AND INHABITED BY WILD ANIMALS OF MANY TYPES AND SPECIES TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MAMMALS, REPTILES, AND INSECTS, WHICH ARE NOT TAME, MAY BE SAVAGE AND UNPREDICTABLE IN NATURE AND ALSO WANDERING AT THEIR WILL.**

## **NATURE OF HORSES-**

I UNDERSTAND THAT: no horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human.

If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on another much larger, stronger prey animal with a mind of his own (horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: Stopping short; Changing directions or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from danger.

**RIDER RESPONSIBILITY-** I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to control the horse; and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety, and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant. **THIS STABLE** advises pregnant women not to ride horses, unless permission is given under advice of her physician.

**CONDITIONS OF NATURE-** I UNDERSTAND THAT: **THIS STABLE** is **NOT** responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. **SOME EXAMPLES ARE:** Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, water, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run, or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.

**CARRY-ON OBJECTS AND SHARP NOISES-** I UNDERSTAND THAT: Riders should not carry loose items on rides which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises, possibly scaring a horse. **SOME EXAMPLES ARE:** Cameras, hats not securely fastened under chin, toys, and/or purses. Riders should not make sharp, loud noises, such as screaming or yelling, which may scare a horse.



