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Thank you for your interest in boarding your horse at Starline Stables! Our ever expanding 62 acre facility offers a safe environment for your horse in addition to a welcoming and encouraging atmosphere for horse owners of all disciplines.

In this packet you will find information such as our horse care philosophy, amenities, boarding rates, additional services, ways to save on boarding and frequently asked questions.

Again, thank you for your interest in our facility and look forward to welcoming you into our barn family!

See you back at the barn!

*-Starline Stables*

# Our Philosophy

“Does my horse need shoes?” “What should I feed my horse?” “How do I correct unwanted behavior?” are all common questions horse owners have. However, the number of answers you receive may leave you wishing you hadn’t asked at all!

The reason there are so many different answers is because all horses and horse owners are different with different needs. Variables such as breed, age, conformation, personality, location, sport, community and budget are considered when making the decision that is best for the horse and rider combo.

## NATURAL HORSE OR SHOW HORSE?

“Natural Horsemanship” is a term being used more and more to define horse keeping and handling that closely resembles the lives of wild horses; 24/7 grazing with less grains, herd environment, barefoot, and “naked”.

In sharp contrast, the show horse is usually stalled to more closely monitor their exercise and diet made up of grain and hay, often receiving minimal turn out. Show horses are frequently blanketed during all seasons to aid the horse’s appearance. Show horses usually wear shoes on the front feet or all four to reinforce the hoof and aid in soundness.



**The majority of responsible horse owners are somewhere in between and in our opinion, the best place to be. We like to refer to this as “Common Sense Horsemanship”.**

## THE PROS AND CONS

Nothing is absolute in the horse world and with every decision there are pros and cons for both the horse and owner. Here at Starline, we try to accommodate everyone to the best of our ability by assessing the needs of the horse and owner, making sure the owner is aware of both the pros and cons and that the needs of the horse and owner are in-line with the needs and views of our facility. Most of time, we will do as requested regardless if we agree or not.

Many people idealize the “all natural” horse and claim “God” meant for horses to roam free and graze all day. EVERY horse owner must concede to the fact that riding and owning horses isn’t natural! **Educating ourselves through trial and error** have allowed humans and horse’s alike to live longer, healthier and arguably happier lives. **Horse ownership is (and should be) a life long process of learning about horses!**

At Starline Stables, we feel that although horses are here essentially for our amusement, that their over-all well being should be strongly considered. With that said, the **number one priority should always be our safety.**

All horses, stall or pasture, require proper medical and farrier care with minimum yearly vaccinations and coggins testing, and deworming. All horses must accept a halter and lead properly. No vicious, dangerous or destructive behavior is permitted and must be corrected to ensure the health and well being of other horses and people.

**Please continue reading Frequently Asked Questions below for more details on our horse care and management policies and philosophies.**

# Our Facility

## THE FRONT BARN

- 6 12x12 Matted stalls with ceiling fans in each
- 400 square foot secure tack room
- Clean bathroom
- 2 Outdoor wash stalls
- Cross ties in stalls
- Close to large outdoor arena with jumps and cavalettis

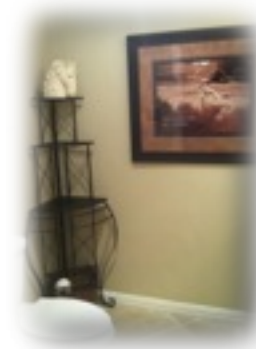


## THE NEW BARN - UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- 72' x 300' ClearSpan fabric building with lots of natural light
- Large Indoor Dressage Arena w/ Lights and Mirrors
- Viewing Deck

## TURN OUT

- 62 Acres of grass pastures with plenty of space to graze!
- 2 Large 25 acre pastures with multiple shelters for everyone to escape the elements
- Smaller paddocks for private - semi-private turn out for stalled horses.
- Pipe and no-climb with a top hot wire to discourage fence fighting
- Large pastures fenced with barbless wire and top hot wire



## OTHER

- Newly Renovated 120 x 250 Outdoor Arena w/Jumps
- 50' Custom round pen
- Ample space for trailer parking
- Picnic tables to relax and enjoy
- Access to trails



# Boarding Rates

Last Updated August 2012

## **BASIC STALL BOARD \$440.00**

- 12x12 Stall in the front barn
- Semi-private turn out and stalled for bad weather.
- 6 bags of shavings monthly
- Stall cleaning
- Up to 6lbs total of pelleted feed daily (feed twice)
- Coastal hay fed twice daily while in their stalls
- Covered costal round bales fed free choice in the winter.
- Owner provided supplements fed for free
- Blanketing (one blanket daily)
- Trailer Parking

## **STALL BOARD AD ON'S**

Extra feed	\$10 per month per lb.
Alfalfa (2 string only)	Owner Provided
Additional Blanket	\$1 per item per day

## **PASTURE BOARD \$305.00**

- 24/7 Turn out in a large grass pasture
- Access to shelters
- Up to 4lbs total of pelleted feed, fed with a feed bag for guaranteed feeding.
- 2 feed bags a year
- Free choice hay when needed
- Owner provided supplements fed for free
- Trailer Parking
- Access to all of the facilities

## **PASTURE BOARD AD ON'S**

Second Feeding of regular feed	\$10 per month per lb.
Blanketing	\$1 per item per day

# Other Services

These prices are subject to change with out notice. Please contact us for the most recent pricing!

## TRAINING

**Training Ride** \$25.00

Avg. 45 minute training ride

**Ground Work Session** \$15.00

30 Minute ground work/lunging session

**Training Ride Package** \$200.00

10 Training rides per month

## RIDING LESSONS

*The first price is if you own/lease a horse at Starline, the second price includes a lesson horse rental.*

1 hour Private Lesson \$50.00/\$55.00

1 hour Semi-Private Lesson \$40.00/\$45.00

1 hour + Group Lesson \$30.00/\$35.00

Catch, Groom and Tack \$10.00

Untack and Groom \$10.00

## MONTHLY PACKAGES

**Lesson Package A** \$160.00/\$180.00 **\$40 SAVINGS**

4 private lessons

**Lesson Package B** \$310.00/\$350.00 **\$70 SAVINGS**

8 private lessons

**BULK Lesson Package of 20** \$750.00 Up To **\$350 SAVINGS**

20, hour long private or group lessons to be used over 6 months

## A LA CARTE

Second price includes materials.

Fly Mask \$1.50

Apply Hoof Oil \$1

Wound Salve \$1.50

Cold Hose- 10 min \$10

Feet Soak- 20 min \$15

Standing Wrap- Per Leg \$2.50

Sweat/Poultice Wrap \$10

Hoof trim or Pull Shoe \$10

Full Body Clip \$115

Trace Clip \$75

Partial Trace Clip \$45

Regular Clip - face/legs \$15

Hold Fee - Individual Appts \$10

After hours hold fee-per hour \$15

Fly Spray \$15 (month)

Hose Off \$5.00

Feet Picking \$1.00

Groom \$5.00

Curry, Brush (mane/tail opt) Sprays, Pick Feet

**Outside riding instructors, trainers and groomers are subject to a \$15 Facility Fee per hour per horse and/or rider.**

# \$ WAYS TO SAVE \$

## Lesson Horse Program

Is your horse suitable for riding lessons? Your horse can earn \$5 each time he is used in a lesson! Not only does he help pay the bills, but your horse will receive extra care and attention! All horses receive grooming before and after rides and all beginner/novice riders use bitless bridles. You can also place as many restrictions as you want! Once a week? Special boots? Not a problem! You're still in complete control.

For example if your horse is used in 2 lessons a week that is \$40 off your board!

## Working Off Board

This may be an option for you! We have several opportunities to work off board such as cleaning stalls, sweeping, cleaning tack, grooming horses, painting fences, moving jumps, mowing, lunging horses, grooming horses, helping out at horse shows or clinics. Just contact us and we'll find something for you!

## Referrals Referrals Referrals!

We pay BIG for boarding referrals! When you refer a new boarder, you and the boarder will save \$50 EACH off of your board! Don't know anyone to refer? We'll give you a special flyer with your "referral code" and any stranger that sees your flyer and boards their horse with us will receive the discount along with YOU!

We also give credits for lesson referrals; \$25 off your board for lesson referrals! If your referral purchases 4 lessons you will get \$25 off. If they purchase 8 at once, then you'll get \$50! This only counts once, so keep them coming!



### Other Boarder Benefits

- Only Clearspan Arena in our area!
- Always improving facilities
- Boarders receive discounts on lessons and training
- By using our farrier you get a bulk rate and save gas on an extra trip to the barn!
- Our well stocked medicine cabinet and knowledge may save you a trip to the vet or vet call!
- Need the vet? We'll send out an email so we can all save on the vet call!



# Stall Boarding

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. What kind of grain do you feed? When do you feed and how much?

A. Basic Stall Boarding includes up to 6lbs of grain (12% protein 8 % fat) per day split between 2 feedings.

### Q. What if my horse needs more than 6 lbs of grain?

A. If your horse needs more grain to maintain his weight then it cost \$10 per lb per month extra. Example: if your horse needs 8 lbs per day, it would be an extra \$20 a month.

### Q. Will you feed my horse supplements?

A. SLS is happy to feed any supplement you purchase for your horse. However, please make sure your supplement is ready to feed. If you don't have a smartpaks, please combine your daily supplements into a ziplock bag to be fed (preferably a month's worth at a time). We'll even save the ziplock bags to re-use!

### Q. I don't like your grain. Can I supply my own grain?

A. Yes. You may supply your own grain but there is no discount in price because storage is limited. You will need to bring enough to last 1 month.

### Q. How long do stalled horses get turned out for?

A. Stall horses stay out unless it rains, below freezing and especially windy etc...We'll turn horses back out when the pasture is at least 80% dry.

### Q. Do you offer limited or no turn out?

A. Only if medically necessary by vet recommendation on a temporary basis. Here at Starline Stables, we feel **strongly** about turning our horses out. It is cruel to keep these large, nomadic animals cooped up in a stall 23/7 for our own convenience or fear of injuries! We understand the need for a stall, but injuries and messes occur in stalls too. If your concerned about throwing shoes, there are other issues at play and could be corrected by adding bell boots or consulting with your farrier.

Keeping horses confined on a regular basis has more cons than pros. Horses kept in stalls are prone to respiratory problems, hoof problems (shavings suck good moisture out of feet making horse's feet dry, brittle and prone to cracking making the hoof susceptible to bacteria), Psychological problems due to boredom and develop destructive habits such as cribbing or stall kicking. Physically, turn out allows the horse to move which tells the body to lubricate the joints, keeps the muscles, tendons and ligaments moving and stretching making horses less susceptible to tendon and ligament issues. More movement improves circulation and keeps the digestive tract functioning properly. Horses will also be able to graze all day which is optimal for their digestive systems... after all that's what a horse was designed to do.

### Q. What if my horse doesn't get along with his herd mates?

Please expect your horse to get minor cuts and scrapes with ANY new boarding arrangement. We try to turn horses out with other compatible herd mates and will try to do whatever we can to make sure they are comfortable.

### Did you know?

For a 900lb hard keeper in light-average work getting 4lbs of our regular feed, all day turn out with 10 lbs of hay, your horse is getting approx 18.5 Mcals of Digestible Energy (DE) or 94% to meeting his requirements (ideal is 90 – 105%). Adding 1 cup up vegetable oil brings it up to 102%!

Find out more benefits by adding FAT (yes, fat) to your horses diet by visiting: <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/resources/livestock/horses/ag558-7.html>

**Q. How often do you clean stalls?**

Stalls are cleaned twice daily when they are in due to bad weather.

Horses are allotted 6 bags of shavings a month, additional bags may be purchased at \$10 a bag. No outside shavings please. Stalls are stripped on an “as needed” basis. Please NOTE: Most horses don’t NEED “soft fluffy beds” with a ton of shavings. It’s bad for their respiratory system, it sucks the good moisture out of their hooves and it sucks the nutrients out of the soil when they are dumped. They are also harder to clean which is why we charge \$10.00 a bag for the extra labor.

**Q. Are water troughs and buckets cleaned regularly?**

A. Yes, we clean buckets and troughs as needed. It’s quite common to see buckets and troughs with low water. We don’t like to waste water and it’s difficult to dump 100 gallons all at once! So we let them drink it down and clean them before they are refilled again unless it’s exceptionally dirty.

**Q. Do you blanket?**

A. We blanket at no additional cost for one blanket. Winter blankets go on when the weather reaches 32 degrees unless otherwise noted by the owner. Please note that this is a general guideline... If it’s going to be 32 degrees for a whole 2 hours, than we’ll probably pass on blanketing so your horse isn’t sweating all night. We reserve the right to charge an extra fee or refuse this service if your horse is bad about blanketing. Multiple items or blankets are \$1 each. For example: You would like your horse to go out in a medium weight turn-out, but when he’s in the stall you’d like his jammies and stable blanket to go on instead. His jammies and stable blanket cost \$1 each, every time we put them on.

Blankets are very time and space consuming and most of our boarders don’t show competitively so to keep our rates affordable, we feel that this was the best compromise.

**Q. Are there certain hours we can visit our horse?**

A. You are welcome to visit your horse at any time. However, we ask that you notify us in advance if you will be at the barn late and keep noise to a minimum. **Also, please respect our privacy and don’t knock on our door unless it’s an emergency.**

**Q. How do you handle wound care?**

A. If I notice a minor wound or scrape that has bled, I will clean it out and apply the appropriate ointment for free and let you know what I’ve done. Additional wound care is up to you! If it is a wound that requires extra care and you don’t provide this care, I WILL AND CHARGE YOU FOR IT. If a wound needs cold hosing and wrapping I will contact the owner to come do it. If I’m unable to reach the owner, I will provide the cold hosing, bandaging, and bute if needed but will charge. If I notice a lameness or swelling I will notify you. If there is a major wound that needs immediate veterinary attention, I will call the vet first and then call you. If veterinary care may be needed, I will first notify the owner.

**Q. Will anyone be able to ride my horse without my permission?**

A. Absolutely not!

**Q. Will my tack be secure?**

A. Our tack rooms are locked with a key pad but further security is up to the boarder. **We strongly encourage boarders to label EVERYTHING!**



**Q. Am I allowed to let a family member or friend ride? What about lease or partial leasing my horse?**

A. Yes, as long as they sign a liability waiver before they handle your horse. **If a guest is caught without a waiver, the boarder will be fined \$50.00! You must notify the barn if someone will be handling your horse with out you present.** Leases or regular riding by someone else requires you to provide us a copy of the lease agreement or written consent. Additionally, full leases will require a new boarding agreement to be filled out by the Lessee.

**Q. Is monthly board due in advance?**

A. Yes, board is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Boarding, Training/Riding Lessons and Farrier (such as shoes) are PRE-PAID. Custom feeds and medical care are billed quarterly or until they total \$50 or more.

**Q. What happens if you are late paying your board bill?**

A. In order to purchase feed, hay and bedding (in bulk so that we can all save money!) board needs to be paid on time. There is a strict **\$35 late fee PER HORSE** if board is received after the 5<sup>th</sup> each month. If you know you have additional charges but haven't received an invoice, it's best to pay the base board amount until you receive your bill.

**Q. Do you offer a multiple horse discount?**

A. We no longer offer a discount and no longer accept more than 3 horses per owner to minimize the risk to our budget.

**Q. How do you handle conflict between the boarders?**

A. Please settle it like adults first. If it remains an issue, let me know and I will address both parties together if possible and/or appropriate. Once the issue is settled; LET IT GO. Repeated offenders will be asked to leave.

**Tip: With ANY boarding facility please remember that we are horse owners and lovers too and we work VERY hard to care for our horses. We are not perfect (although we try). We can't watch over your horse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We can't notice every single scratch and bump. We can't notice every little misplaced wire or rock. We depend on you to let us know if something is wrong. We are not mind readers and welcome your input. We try to accommodate everyone the best we can so if you have a comment or concern please let us know.**

# Pasture Boarding

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

\*\*\*Please read Stall Boarding FAQ if you do not see your question below\*\*\*

### Q. What do you feed the pasture boarded horses?

A. See Above.

### Q. What if my horse needs more than 4lbs of grain or I want him fed twice daily?

A. See Above.

### Q. Why is only once a day feeding included? Isn't it better to feed a horse smaller, more frequent meals a day?

A. To make boarding more affordable to a larger group of people, pasture horses are fed once daily. It offers a huge savings in labor that we pass down to the majority of our customers whose horses do well on 4lbs or less. Yes, it better to feed the horse more frequent, smaller meals ESPECIALLY if your horse is in his stall 24/7. **However, it WILL NOT hurt your horse to feed him grain once a day** because #1 It's not a large amount of grain and #2 he will have continuous hay and grass. What hurts your horse is leaving him with an empty stomach for long periods of time with out anything to buffer the stomach acid making horses more prone to ulcers and stall vices.

If you would like your horse fed twice daily anyway, it's \$10 a month.

### Q. I don't think my pasture boarded horse will like a feed bag. Can you feed him separately? I don't think they will fit...

A. We will do almost anything you would like done for an additional cost. However, please give feed bags a chance. We feel VERY strongly about feeding pasture horses with feed bags because it ensures every horse gets the feed and supplements it needs with very minimal waste. It cuts down on aggression between heard mates and they are virtually hazard free (No your horse won't drown if it tries to drink!) Feed bags can also help with head shyness and horses that may be difficult to catch. Most horses learn to love their feed bags **very** quickly! Feed bags were originally designed for draft and carriage horses so many of them are large enough or we can easily add an extension to the strap. They are also very adjustable for smaller horse heads. **BEST HORSE INVENTION EVER!**



### Q. What if my horse needs it's feed soaked?

A. Depending on how much feed needs to be soaked, we may still be able to use the feed bag. We will load the feed bag, sit it in a feed bucket and hose it down. We usually do these first so that they have time to soak. 3lbs is the absolute MAX we can fit in a feed bag soaked so your horse may need two feedings. We've also used a plastic paint type bucket attached to a halter which fits more and works very well, but the owner will need to provide it.

### Q. Are feed bags included in the board?

A. Yes the first one is included and every 6 months after that. Replacement feed bags are \$10 or \$5 if they can be easily repaired. Of course, owners are welcome to supply their own. Several boarders have 2 bags.. when the first one breaks the owner purchases a new one and takes the old one home to repair.

**Q. How many horses will my horse be turned out with?**

A. There are 2 large pastures (approximately 25 acres each) that contain a maximum of 10 horses each.

**Q. How much hay do you feed and when?**

A. We put out coastal round bales in horse safe hay rings under cover, out of the rain, during the winter months.

**Q. How do you decide who gets turned out where?**

A. Geldings and mares are separate with occasional exceptions.

**Q. What if my horse needs stall rest?**

A. We keep a few stalls empty for such occasions at an additional stall rest rate.

**Q. I'm a little concerned about my horse in storms and during the winter.**

A. They have easy access to multiple shelters but pasture boarders do have dibs on stalls when they become available. Also, if there is a stall available, you are more than welcome to use it at the pro-rated stall rate during a storm on a first come, first serve basis.

**Q. Do you blanket?**

A. We will gladly blanket pasture boarded horses for a \$1 each time we put the blanket on and take it off. We reserve the right to charge extra or refuse this service if your horse is bad about blanketing. Multiple items or blankets are \$1 each as well. Blankets are very time and space consuming and most of our boarders don't show competitively so to keep our rates affordable, we feel that this was the best compromise.

**\*\*Generally, pasture horses DON'T NEED a blanket if allowed to grow a winter coat BUT, you should have a WATERPROOF TURN OUT SHEET on hand for more extreme climate changes. For example: 70 degrees one day and then snowing or sleeting the next. Your horse may not have enough winter coat to stay warm yet. We generally feel better when horses are blanketed during sleet or freezing rain storms.**

