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1124 Ponderosa Timbers Drive
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Lesson Contract

Welcome to Serenity Farms Equestrian Center. We are glad for the opportunity to teach you about horses and English horsemanship. My goals as an instructor are:

- Tech harmony and team work with the horses
- Instill Confidence
- Tech responsibility through horsemanship

These goals will be accomplished through various hunt seat and dressage exercises on and off the horses.

I, Lisa Ploth, am the only instructor and the owner of Serenity Farms. I have been teaching since 1994 and have been working with animals all my life. My Bachelors in Animal Science and past employment has enabled me to teach the why as well as the how in horsemanship. I am firm in my beliefs of **SCHOOL FIRST** and will support parents in any way I can to help the student maintain good grades. I enjoy mentoring to students of all ages. References are available upon request fro current and past students/boarders.

It is important to know that I teach out of my home/backyard so please respect the rules and policies set forth. This will keep all parties happy, including my husband and daughter.

Fees:

Lessons

- First and last month fees are due at time of the first lesson.
- Lesson packages are \$120.00 per month for one lesson per week. All lessons must be taken within that month or are otherwise forfeited. See rules and policies.
- Payment is due the first week of the month. After the first week a \$10.00 late fee will be added.
- Lessons that are paid for individually are \$35.00 per group lesson and \$45.00 per private lesson. These fees must be paid when the lesson is taken.
- A \$25.00 return check fee plus late fees will be assessed if we receive a return check

Horse Shows

Serenity Farms participates in the San Jacinto Horse Show Association sanctioned events. These fees are as follows:

1. Participation fee paid to Serenity Farms at lesson prior to event. This includes trailering and one training session

Serenity Farms	\$50.00
Northwind Farm	\$75.00
Magnolia Acres Farm	\$75.00
North Fork Farm	\$75.00
Whipple Tree Farm	\$100.00

2. Additional training is \$30.00 per session
3. It is the student's responsibility to pay their entry and stable fees to the show management
4. It is the student's responsibility to pay the SJHSA membership fee
5. If #3 and #4 are paid by Serenity Fanus there will be a \$10.00 service fee.
6. Costs of other association shows are dependent on the type and location of the show and will be agreed upon prior to that show date.



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Rules and Policies

1. Have fun!
2. Respect other riders and their families and guests. Treat all equally
3. Respect the instructor no arguing
4. Adhere to dress code. This is an outdoor sport. Wear appropriate gear in inclement weather
5. Refrain from wearing jewelry. It will very rarely be found if lost
6. It is the student's responsibility to be prepared for class. This includes bringing water on hot days
7. Be at the bam a minimum of 15 minutes prior to your lesson time
8. Parking and drop offs are permitted in the barn area only. No parking or drop offs in my house driveway.
9. Please keep your dogs at home
10. Being late is disrespectful to the instructor and the other students in the class. The instructor will not stop the lesson in progress to assist a student with his/her horse
11. Take home with you what you bring to the bam this includes water bottles and misc. clothing items, etc.
12. No chatting in class
13. No loud noises or running. These actions can spook a horse and cause serious injury/death to that horse and/or student
14. Clean up your own mess. Use trash receptacles
15. Clean up your horses mess and put in manure carts
16. Never tie a horse up by the reins or let the reins touch the ground
17. Only tie in designated areas. Never tie to a fence rail
18. Lessons will commence regardless of the weather. There are many things we can learn about horses and horsemanship off the horse.
19. The student is responsible for tacking the horse up and caring for the horse after the lesson.
20. Cancellation and rescheduling must be at least 24 hours prior to the lesson time or a make up lesson will not be honored.
21. A 30 day cancellation is a must when discontinuing lessons.
22. Please be responsible and treat the horse and equipment as if it were your own.
23. No refunds, credit, or prorating of fees due to student/parent being removed from a lesson/show voluntarily or involuntarily!
24. Failure to follow the rules and guidelines of Serenity Farms can result in removal from a lesson or permanently.
25. Any under age students caught smoking, drinking alcohol, or using illegal drugs will be asked to leave Serenity Farms. Those of legal age are asked to be proper role models and will also be asked to leave for using the above.
26. This contract is valid as long as the student continues to ride at Serenity Farms.
27. By signing this contract, you (student/parent) agree to adhere to the rules and policies set forth. However, instructor/owner has the right to remove student at any time if any infractions are made toward this contract including a parental conflict of any kind.



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Dress Code

1. First time students may wear a bicycle helmet, jeans, tennis shoes, and a shirt with sleeves (long or short). Tank tops and similar tops are not appropriate.
2. All other participants shall wear:
 - a. helmet with harness that meets USEF standards.
 - b. Shirt with sleeves (long or short). The shirt should be fitted or tucked in. Tank tops and similar tops are not appropriate.
 - c. Breeches, jodhpurs, or any long pant. (No shorts or capris).
 - d. Paddock boots or tall boots. Half chaps are recommended when wearing paddock boots.
 - e. Hair should be kept out of the eyes and in a ponytail at the base of the neck to accommodate the helmet.
3. Horse show attire is as follows:
 - a. Shirt with collar
 - b. Boots and breeches or for our junior riders jodhpurs and paddock boots with garters.
 - c. Approved harness type velvet helmet (or Black helmet cover).
 - d. Jacket (optional at some shows)
 - e. Belt and gloves.
 - f. Hair should be neatly tucked up under the helmet or in appropriate pig tails for the junior riders.

For more detailed information refer to the SJHSA rule book or visit <http://www.sjhsa.org>

Conduct

1. Student, parents and their guests shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and extend courtesy to all participants.
2. Grievances shall be addressed at the discretion of the owner/instructor during a scheduled meeting between you and the party with which you have a grievance. Grievances with competition personnel either Serenity Farms or other barn management shall be handled after the competition and off the competition premises unless competition officials wish to address your grievance on site. Never shall a parent or student address a grievance in the presence of others, nor discuss with others any aspect of your grievance at anytime even after all parties concerned have addressed grievance. Any infraction in part or in whole will result in immediate removal of the student/parent.
3. Foul language shall not be tolerated by student or parent at anytime.
4. Even though this is an individual sport I ask that parents and students cheer for and lift up all that attend Serenity Farms. We are a team. Team members support, help, and encourage those around them.



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Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

WARNING UNDER TEXAS STATE LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY. TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

The Undersigned assumes the unavoidable risks inherent in all horse related activities, including but not limited to bodily injury, physical harm, and or death to rider, horse, and spectator.

The Undersigned has received, read and agreed to the above stated contract and all its provisions.

In consideration therefore, for the privilege of riding and/or working around horses at Serenity Farms, located at 11124 Ponderosa Timbers Drive, Conroe, Texas 77385, the Undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify Lisa L. Ploth, Louis Ploth, independent contractors, and employees, and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, death, or illness to the Undersigned or to any horse accompanying the Undersigned on the premises.

I have received and read the Serenity Farms lesson contract and fully understand all contents of the contract.

(print name of student)

(print name of parent/guardian)

(address)

(signature of student)

(city, state, zip)

(signature of parent or guardian)

(phone)

(alternate phone)

(date)

(allergies or medical information in case of an emergency)

(birth date)