



Welcome...

Welcome to NFF Stables! . In this folder you'll find everything you need to know about boarding at NFF.

Boarding Agreement:

If you decide to bring your horse to NFF, you'll need to fill out our Boarding Agreement. There's a lot of pages, but don't worry — we just feel it's better to have all our policies and prices in black and white. In this board agreement you can choose between Premium Full Care or Regular Full Care, or Field Board. You can decide if you want your horse on daily wormer, and if your horse needs private (full care only) or semi-private turnout. You'll also let us know about your choice of farrier and vet. Included in the board agreement is a page outlining how we handle illness or injury of your horse, as well as all our barn rules.

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We offer three different type of boarding for your horse: full care, training board, and field board. Each option allows you to choose what is best for you and your horse...

Full Care: Our roomy box stalls in our main barn are comfortable for all full care horses. Boarders have their own tack room, and plenty of grooming space. Your horse will receive excellent care, and will enjoy group-based turnout. Lessons or training are not required, but is optional.

Training Board: Enjoy all the amenities of Full Care, but board also includes training rides 4-5 times a week with our trainer, Jen Queen. She'll ride, lunge, or work with you and horse to customize a training program.

Field Care: Field board includes large pastures supplemented with quality hay during the winter months, and year 'round shelter. Your horse is brought into a stall daily to be fed (grain is included) and checked over. Blanketing and unblanketing per your request. Field boarders have their own tack room and barn for grooming/tacking. Stalls provided (for an additional charge) for sick or injured horse.

Staff:

The nice thing about our barn is that we have the same people taking care of your horse every day. Our barn manager, Amy, has been here 15 years (she is, after all, the founder of NFF and one of the owners!). She takes care of field board Mondays through Saturdays, so she really knows all of the horses. Amy brings them in to stalls each day, takes care of their blanketing needs, feeds them, makes up their grain and adds medications/supplements, and can medicate horses requiring topical or intermuscular injections. Taking care of full care horses is Shannon, who's been with NFF for, well, it seems like forever! Depending on the season, Shannon feeds them each morning, takes care of blanketing needs, and turns them out for the day (or the opposite during the summer). She also makes up the grain and adds medications/supplements. And she monitors their water intake. Shannon works here all day on Sundays, taking care of full care and field board. Amy, our barn manager, lives on the property, so she's around even on Sundays in case there are any questions/problems. We've had the same stall cleaner for almost seven years now, and not only is he diligent, he's very gentle with the horses if he has to clean the stall with them in it. We have a nice group of support staff who take care of daily ring and barn maintenance.

Grain, Hay and Supplements:

We feed Purina grains, and have a wide assortment on hand. We can also order any special grain your horse might need (for example, one of our boarded horses needs a low starch grain). Our full care horses get hay in their stalls, and in the winter their turn-out field is supplemented with round bales of hay. Our field boarded horses get their pastures supplemented with round bales of hay during the winter months, and may also receive beet pulp with their daily grain during the colder months. Most of our boarders who have their horses on supplements use Smartpak supplements. If you use Smartpaks, they have a barn buddy program and shipping is free. We also provide mineral salt blocks to all the horses: full care horses have a salt block in their stall; field boarded horses have a salt block in their fields.

Farrier:

You are welcome to use your own blacksmith, or you may use the farm blacksmith, Robert Hardison (also known affectionately as Cowboy Bob). Cowboy is here twice a week, and we handle everything for you — we keep track of when your horse is due, hold the horse for the blacksmith, and of course make any arrangements if your horse loses a shoe. If you already have a relationship with your own blacksmith, by all means use them, but if you need a blacksmith, we highly recommend Cowboy — we've been using him for ten years and can't speak highly enough of him.

Vets:

Like the blacksmith, you may use your own vet, or use our farm vets. Our barn vet is Dr. Javier Donatelli. For our health program, he comes out every other month for vaccinations and a wellness exam for your horse. The vaccinations are spread out throughout the year. The other vet we work with is Dr. Elizabeth Reese. Though Dr. Reese just lives around the corner from NFF, she is in private practice and it's hard to get her for emergencies. However, she's our go-to vet for specific problems, and we use her by appointment. If you choose to use your own vet, we'd like you to follow our vaccination schedule as closely as your vet allows.

Hours of the Barn:

We're flexible! Come out whenever you'd like to ride your horse. If you come out at night, all we ask is that if you turn on a light, you turn it off when you leave. If you know you're coming out in the evening, call ahead so that we can leave the indoor arena lights on for you (turning then off and on can blow the lightbulbs). Occasionally, the barn hosts special events that we let you know of in advance (for example, we host the Interschool Horse Show Series about four times throughout the school year, and the indoor arena is generally unavailable those days).

Ring Use:

You're welcome to ride in the rings while lessons are in progress. We generally have lessons afterschool from 4-7 Monday through Friday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. But we don't mind you riding while we're teaching — just use basic ring etiquette, yield to beginner riders, and don't set jumps if an instructor is in the middle of using them. If you are planning on lunging your horse, we ask that you do not lunge while lessons are in progress; if there's not a lesson but people are riding in the ring, please ask before lunging.

Outside Trainers:

Yes and No. We do allow outside trainers, but they need to show proof of liability insurance and must name NFF as an additional insured on their policy. We can't allow outside trainers here during our busy lesson times (see above). But why use an outside trainer when you can use our trainer? From ongoing training to every now and then rides, our trainer, Jen Queen, is very experienced. Before going through the hassle of having an outside trainer come in, give our resident trainer a try.

Special Turnout Needs:

If your horse is full-care boarded, it will be turned out in one of two 20+ acre full care fields. We have one field for geldings only; the other is mixed gender — the mares and geldings seem to get along just fine. We also have small paddocks for private turn-out, should your horse require that. We also offer small group turnout for an additional fee. For our field boarded horses, we have three 20+ acre fields for our two groups of field boarders with lots of shelter; both groups are mixed gender turnout. We always have one pasture “resting” while the other two are being grazed. We also have a “dry-lot” paddock with a run-in shed for horses who can’t be on grass.

Daily Wormer:

Almost all of the horses boarded here are on daily wormer - Strongid C2X. Daily wormer is optional, but in the past three years that we’ve had our horses on it, we have noticed results. Worm infestation can lead to a dull coat, hoof problems, weight loss and colic. Daily wormer prevents internal parasite damage before it starts. Daily wormer paralyzes parasites in the digestive tract and moves them harmlessly out of the horse’s system. Your horse’s intestinal system is better able to efficiently digest nutrients. Horses on daily wormer still need to be paste de-wormed, but only twice a year.

Communication:

We’re very easy to reach. The barn phone is forwarded to our barn manager’s cell phone, so that you can reach her 24/7 (though it may take her a moment to answer if you call in the middle of the night!). We’re also very accessible via email, and check our email throughout the day Monday through Saturday. We also have a mailbox system at the barn, so that we can leave you notes and you can leave our staff notes. And of course, you may also text us whenever! You can even stay up-to-the minute with our Facebook page (NFF Stables Clients).

Other Stuff:

None of our boarders are required to take lessons or have their horse in training. But...we do have a wonderful lesson program, with group, private and semi-private lessons. We also have a competitive show team, comprised of both adults and children, and we attend both local and rated shows throughout the area.

We also offer some fun activities for our adult horse owners, including a summer evening camp and a group trail ride to Sugarloaf Mountain and wine tasting at Sugarloaf Vineyards.

We’d love to have you join us and become part of our NFF family. Though we have a lot of horses here, our horse owners all know each other and it’s a fun, stress-free place for both you, and your horse.



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