



Welcome...

Welcome to NFF Stables! . Here's 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 Full Care or Field Board. You can decide 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.

Choices:

We offer two different type of boarding for your horse: full care 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 gender-based turnout. Lessons or training are not required, but is optional. \$600/month

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. \$325/month

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 20 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. Amy also takes care of full care horses each morning Monday through Saturday. Depending on the season, Amy 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. Leo is our right-hand man who takes care of our full care horses weekday evenings. Leo also works on a thoroughbred breeding farm, so his horse knowledge is top-notch. And for Sundays we have Aimee, who's been riding pretty much all her life. She works here on Sundays, taking care of full care and field board. Amy also lives on the property, so she's around most of the time in case there are any questions/problems. We've had the same stall cleaner for over 15 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. 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, Edmond Bushnell. Ed is here once or 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. All you have to do is either leave a check for him, or pay him via Zelle. But if you already have a relationship with your own blacksmith, by all means use them. As long as we have notice when your blacksmith is coming, we can get and hold the horse for you if needed.

Vets:

Like the blacksmith, you may use your own vet, or use our vet. Our barn vet is Dr. Javier Donatelli. For our health program, he comes out every other month for vaccinations, deworming and a wellness exam for your horse. The vaccinations are spread out throughout the year. 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 - especially the indoor arena lights. Occasionally, the barn hosts special events that we let you know of in advance (for example, we host the Interschool Horse Show Series about six 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 Thursday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 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 let us know so we can have our students move out of your way. We primarily teach private lessons; Saturday is our busy day with two instructors teaching. But it's important for our students to learn to ride with others and learn the rules of the ring - so ride whenever you want!

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).

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 for mares only. 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.

Board Invoices:

We email you your board invoice around the 20th of the month for the following month. You may pay online, or bring/mail a check. Best of all, our board is pretty much all inclusive...no extra charges for blanketing and unblanketing, or holding your horse for the vet or blacksmith. Really, the only time your board amount changes is when we're expecting a routine vet visit for vaccinations/health check. We do charge a nominal \$10 summer-only fee for full care board fans (just to cover the extra electricity - we even hang your fan for you!). And during the cold months we charge an extra \$5 if you choose to have a heated bucket.

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. 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 hunter shows throughout the area.

We also offer some fun activities for our adult riders, including a summer evening camp and our "wine Wednesdays". For our youth horse owners, we have some fun camps and activities when there is no school. We also have a few riders here at NFF who are members of Potomac Hunt.

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.



301-349-2011 • 301-536-9077 cell

NFFStables@aol.com

www.NFFStables.com