

**Ridgemark Farm
Liability Release Form**

**Please read carefully before signing.
Serious injury may result from your participation in activities involving horses.
This operator does not guarantee your safety.**

Name of Owner/Rider _____
Name of Parent for Minor Owner/Rider _____
Address _____
Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____
Email Address _____
Emergency Contact _____
Allergies/Medical Concerns _____

**RIDGEMARK FARM LLC
LAURA HARTWICK TRAINING LLC
LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

Initial each section below after reading

_____ 1. I agree in consideration of permission to participate in horseback riding at Renaissance Ranch with Ridgemark Farm LLC and Laura Hartwick Training LLC hereby agree to release and discharge Ridgemark Farm LLC and Laura Hartwick Training LLC, Vicki Rose, Laura Hartwick (hereafter referred to as RF) and/or its' agents or servants, on behalf of myself and my minor child my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

_____ 2. Stable Regulations: The Owner has read and agrees to abide by the rules of RF (whether now in effect of later adopted) and understands RF's schedule of charges. (See attached documents and read before signing).

_____ 3. Insurance: Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect you and your horse from illness, accident, fire, or theft. The Owner understands that RF, the property owner, any staff, and any employees shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, theft, or injury to Owner's horse(s), tack, equipment, trailer, and these items are not covered by RF's insurance. The actual owner having financial interest in such items should carry their own personal property insurance under a homeowner's, tenant's, or other insurance policy or under a separate policy as in the case of the loss of a horse. Repairs to damage of RF's or Renaissance Ranch's property (beyond normal wear and tear) will be billed to the Owner.

_____ 4. Tack: RF provides limited tack room space for boarders. The tack room is locked at night, but open and accessible to all boarders during the day. All boarders know the combination of the lock/location of the key to the tack rooms. RF does not assume any responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of Owner's equipment and all property is left at Owner's risk.

_____ 5. Safety Helmet Requirement: All riders, regardless of age, are required to wear SEI/ASTM approved headgear when riding anywhere on the RF property.

_____ 6. Rider Responsibility: I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety. I agree that should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses while engaging in any horse related activities at RF. My accidental/medical insurance information is:

Company _____
Policy # _____

Name of Insured _____
Company Phone # _____

_____7. Assumption of Risk: I understand and agree that: Horseback riding is classified as an inherently dangerous recreational sport activity, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. 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 the horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 31/2 to 51/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury and even death of the rider. Horseback riding and driving is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal, the human, tries to control and become one unit of movement with another much larger, stronger prey animal, the horse, with each having a limited understanding of each 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 suddenly, changing direction or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking, or running from danger.

_____8. Hold Harmless: I agree that: In consideration of RF allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release and discharge RF, Vicki Rose, Laura Hartwick Training LLC, Laura Hartwick, its owners, agents, landlord, employees, officers, directors, and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "associates") of and from all claims, demands, causes of action, and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to RF's and/or its associates ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of RF at RR's gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against RF and its associates as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child and/or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of RF, to include while riding, driving, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody, and control of RF, whether on or off the premises of RF.

_____9. Knowing Voluntary Execution: I acknowledge that I have carefully read this agreement, understand its contents, understand that this agreement includes an assumption of the risk of the released parties negligence and a release of their liability. I acknowledge that RF is materially relying on this waiver and is allowing me to engage in equestrian events and/or activities including but not limited to horseback riding, showing, loading, hauling, longeing, turning out, and feeding horses.

_____10. Choice of Law; Jurisdiction: All questions with respect to the construction of the agreement and the rights and liabilities of the parties shall be determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of California.

_____11. Attorney Fees: In the event of any dispute, controversy, and/or litigation between the parties relating to this Agreement and their rights hereunder, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all litigation costs and reasonable attorney fees and expenses from the non-prevailing party.

**ALL RIDERS AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF MINORS MUST SIGN BELOW AFTER READING
THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT**

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

Rider: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____