



BASIC HORSEMANSHIP LESSONS AND LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT

This equine service contract (this "**Agreement**") dated the _____ day of _____, _____ is made and entered into between A Gray Day Training and _____ (RIDER).

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. TRAINER DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY OR THAT OF YOUR HORSES. YOU ASSUME THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO PENNSYLVANIA LAW.

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. The Terms "**TRAINER**" shall refer to A Gray Day Training and its trainers, managers, owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, premises owners, and others acting on its behalf. "**FACILITY**" or "**PREMISES**" shall herein refer to a Gray Day Training home facility and/or the "home" barn of the Rider and it's trainers, managers, owner's, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, premises owners, and others acting on it's behalf. "**OWNER**" or "**RIDER**" shall herein refer to the PERSON and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, that are contracted to be TRAINED under this Agreement. "**HORSE(S)**" and "**ANIMAL(S)**" shall herein refer to all equine species, and also to the specific ANIMAL(S) to which this Agreement refers. "**TRAIN**" and "**TRAINING**" shall herein refer to the education, schooling, and conditioning of RIDER and/or HORSE. "**CONTROL**" shall herein refer to any and all actions being done to the HORSE(S) be it tied, untied, confined, or unconfined. "**HORSEBACK RIDING** and "**LESSONS**" shall herein refer to all education related to riding or otherwise handling of HORSE(S), whether from the ground or mounted.

Section 2. PURPOSE and CONSIDERATION. RIDER hereby engages TRAINER and TRAINER hereby agrees to provide one or more of the SERVICES as described on Appendix A in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (the "**SERVICES**"). RIDER hereby agrees to compensate TRAINER for such SERVICES in accordance with this Agreement and the fee schedule as set forth on Attachment A, Part II.

Section 3. PAYMENT OF INVOICES. Hourly Charges are due at the time of SERVICE. - Invoices are payable with cash, check, or Pay-Pal. A fee of \$30.00 will be applied for each returned check and checks will no longer be accepted.

- 3.1 Fee Changes. All fees and fee terms are subject to change upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to RIDER.
- 3.2 Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, the remainder of any and all expenses shall be due and payable immediately. All fees and expenses must be paid in full in cash or other type of secure funds. Personal checks are accepted only if the balance is paid off more than ten (10) days before contract is completed.
- 3.3 Late Fees and Interest. In the event a payment is overdue by thirty (30) days OWNER will be charged interest at the rate of 1 ½% (percent) monthly. If RIDER fails to pay any amount due under this Agreement for more than thirty (30) days, TRAINER may, at its discretion, immediately cease providing SERVICES and accelerate all amounts due under this contract option upon ten (10) days written notice to RIDER.

Section 4. TRAINER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. TRAINER shall educate RIDER and perform the SERVICES in accordance with generally accepted professional standards. TRAINER will exercise reasonable care for the protection of the RIDER and shall educate and TRAIN the RIDER to the best of her ability.

- 4.1 TRAINER Guarantee: TRAINER guarantees that RIDER will be provided the tools, information and opportunity to learn basic horsemanship skills provided that RIDER:
 - a) Participates at least once a week in basic lessons and
 - b) Observes and learns to implement methods that trainer recommends.
 - c) If RIDER is not satisfied, then RIDER may request a refund equal to the immediately preceding months TRAINING fees. The request for the refund must be received in writing at the time of completion of the month of TRAINING. Upon verification by TRAINER that RIDER complied with the requirements set forth above, a check refund will be provided to RIDER.

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4.2 Limitation on Guarantee. Other than the guarantee stated above, *TRAINER* cannot and does not guarantee the effect of the *TRAINING* program or that any particular results will be achieved. Numerous factors beyond the control of *TRAINER* may impact the effectiveness of the *SERVICES* such as the individual physical and mental ability of each *RIDER*.

4.3 Additional *TRAINER* Duties and Responsibilities. *TRAINER* shall provide suitable facilities and care for *RIDER* in an adequate manner with pace of education being determined by *TRAINER*.

4.4 *TRAINER* shall furnish all labor. *TRAINER* has complete *CONTROL* over the manner of *TRAINING* and agrees to take reasonable precautions for the proper performance thereof.

Section 5. EMERGENCY CARE.

5.1 *TRAINER* agrees to attempt to contact *RIDER'S* designated contact should *TRAINER* determine emergency treatment is needed for any *RIDER*. If *TRAINER* is unable to contact *RIDER'S* designate, *TRAINER* is authorized to secure emergency care required for the health and well-being of said *RIDER(S)*. *RIDER* shall pay all costs incurred for such care. *TRAINER* is authorized, as *RIDER'S* agent, to arrange direct billing to *RIDER*.

5.2 *RIDER* agrees to notify *TRAINER* of any and all change of addresses, emergency telephone numbers, itineraries or other information reasonably necessary to contact *RIDER* in the event of an emergency.

Section 6. *TRAINER'S* RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICES. *TRAINER* reserves the right to refuse the continuation of *TRAINING* of any *RIDER(S)* for any reason, including, but not limited to: poor health, dangerous propensities, habits and/or vices; and/or non-trainable condition which *TRAINER* may not be equipped or capable to handle; and *RIDER'S* refusal to obey stable rules or to cooperate with *TRAINER* on reasonable requests relative to the management, *TRAINING*, welfare and safety of *ANIMAL(S)* and people on *PREMISES*. In such event *TRAINER* may give *RIDER* immediate notice and provide written notice within three (3) days of verbal notice. All fees due at time notice is given are due within seven (7) days. After all fees have been paid in full this *Agreement* is concluded.

Section 7. EXCLUSIVITY. Nothing in this *Agreement* limits the right of *TRAINER* to sell any of its *SERVICES* to any other person or entity, and it is anticipated that *TRAINER* will continue to offer its *SERVICES* to such persons or entities even though these *SERVICES* are similar to the *SERVICES* provided to *RIDER*.

Section 8. *RIDER* DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - Disclosure of *RIDER'S* Current Level of Training. *RIDER* shall thoroughly complete the Information Sheet attached as *Attachment B*. This Information Sheet must include any and all information to aid *TRAINER* in *TRAINING* and educating the *RIDER*, including but not limited to: listing of amount & type of previous exposure to horses, riding experience and any medical conditions or physical limitations.

Section 9. ASSIGNABILITY. *OWNER* may not assign any rights or delegate any duties under this contract without prior consent of *TRAINER*.

Section 10. *RIDER* ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY. During the time that the *RIDER* is being *TRAINED*, the *RIDER* shall be under the direction of *TRAINER*. *RIDER* has inspected *PREMISES* and is satisfied that the conditions of the *PREMISES* and the *FACILITIES* will provide an adequate and reasonable level of safety for *RIDER*. *RIDER* further understands that the *RIDING* and handling of a horse is potentially dangerous. *TRAINER* is in no way responsible for the results of the levels of skill the *RIDER* displays which could potentially cause injury, illness and/or loss of life. *RIDER* further agrees to be responsible for any and all damages, injuries, loss of life caused by or to the *RIDER*, *RIDER'S* family members, invitees or other handlers or agents appointed by them, while in *TRAINING*. *RIDER* is also responsible for accidents, injuries, and loss of life sustained by *RIDER*, *RIDER'S* family members, invitees and agents caused by or in relation to *RIDER'S* actions or behavior.

Section 11. DIRECT LOSS TO PERSONAL PROPERTY WARNING. *RIDER* is hereby warned that direct loss or damage, theft, injury or disappearance of *RIDER'S* tack, equipment or other property is not covered by *TRAINER'S* insurance and *TRAINER* shall not be liable for *RIDER'S* tack, equipment or other property.

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Section 12. RISK OF LOSS AND STANDARD OF CARE. During the time that the *RIDER* is under direction of *TRAINER*, *TRAINER* shall not be liable for any sickness, disease, astray, theft, death or injury which may be suffered by the *RIDER(S)* or any other cause of action whatsoever, arising out of or being connected in any way with the *RIDING of HORSE(S)*, except in the event of gross negligence or intentional, willful or wanton misconduct on the part of *TRAINER*. This includes, but is not limited to, any personal injury or disability *RIDER* may receive on *PREMISES*.

Section 13. RIGHT OF TERMINATION

13.1 Termination without cause. Each party is entitled to terminate this *Agreement* without cause upon *seven (7)* days written notice to the other party and after a minimum *TRAINING* period of one month.

13.2 Termination with cause. Each party is entitled to terminate this *Agreement* by written notice to the other party if the other party breaches or is in default of any obligation under the contract, which breach or default is incapable of cure or which, being capable of cure, has not been cured within *seven (7)* days after receipt of written notice of such breach or default. *TRAINER* shall be paid for all fees incurred up to the termination date. After all fees have been paid in full this *Agreement* is concluded.

Section 14. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS. Any action or claim brought by *RIDER* against *TRAINER* in connection with this *Agreement* or the provision of the *SERVICES* must be brought within *one (1)* year of the date such claim or loss occurs.

Section 15. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY. This *Agreement* shall be legally binding upon *TRAINER* and *RIDER* when signed by both parties. This *Agreement* is entered into in the state and county of *PREMISES* of *TRAINER* and will be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Any disputes by *RIDER* shall be litigated in and venue shall be the county in which the *FACILITY* is physically located. If any clause, phrases or word is in conflict with the laws of Pennsylvania then that single part is null and void and the other portions hereof shall be deemed in full force and effect.

Section 16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This contract represents the entire *Agreement* between the parties. No other *Agreements*, promises, or representations, verbal or implied, are included herein unless specifically stated in this written *Agreement*. All appendices, fee schedules, information sheets, or other information provided on such appendices, schedules, and *attachments* are incorporated into this *Agreement* and made a part hereof.

Section 17. INHERENT RISKS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. *RIDER* acknowledges there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below, and *RIDER* hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the propensity of *HORSES* to behave in ways such as, running, bucking, biting, stopping short, changing direction or speed at will, shifting weight from side to side, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them or to *ANIMAL(S)* itself or to other animals around them; the unpredictability of a *HORSE'S* reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain *CONTROL* over the *ANIMAL(S)* or not acting within such participant's ability. I, the *RIDER*, or guardian, if *RIDER* is under 18 years of age, acknowledges that all activities around *HORSES* such as, riding, handling and as a spectator are and can be dangerous.

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Section 18.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER

UNDERSTANDING THIS PARAGRAPH TO BE A RELEASE AND WAIVER, and intending to bind, in consideration of *TRAINER* undertaking the *TRAINING* and incidental *SERVICES* under the terms set forth herein, *RIDER* HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVERS, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE *TRAINER* OR *FACILITY* FROM ALL LIABILITY to *RIDER*, his or her heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and assigns, FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE AND ANY CLAIMS OR DEMANDS, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, AND HOLD *TRAINER* and *FACILITY* HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ALL SUCH CLAIMS INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CLAIM THAT *TRAINER* or *FACILITY* CONTRIBUTED TO THE LOSS OR DAMAGE. *RIDER* further agrees that except in the event of *TRAINER* or *FACILITY*'S gross negligence or intentional, willful and wanton misconduct, *RIDER* shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against *TRAINER*, *TRAINER'S ASSOCIATES*, *FACILITY* and *FACILITY'S ASSOCIATES* as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, and injury to the *ANIMAL(S)*, and/or by me and/or my minor child or legal ward, in relation to the *PREMISES* and operations of *TRAINER*.

***OWNER* agrees that this Section 19 extends to all acts of negligence by *TRAINER* or *FACILITY* and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that if any portion is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.**

ALL *OWNERS* AND PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS, OR AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR SUCH PARTIES, MUST SIGN AFTER READING THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING *AGREEMENT*, WARNINGS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE *AGREEMENT*. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL STATED FACTS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

SIGNATURE OF *RIDER* #1

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF *RIDER* #2 (Parent/Legal Guardian if Minor)

DATE:

RIDER'S NAME(S)

DAYTIME PHONE

ADDRESS

EVENING PHONE

CELL PHONE

Agreed and Acknowledged:

A Gray Day Training

BY: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Tack and equipment inventory that is stored on the *PREMISES*: _____

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Lessons Attachment A**Part I. Fees and Services to be Provided:****Hourly Lessons:****Rate:** See [Attachment A, Part II](#)**Includes:**

- Hourly Lesson Program varies- *RIDER* will be educated in Basic Horsemanship and Beginning Western Riding depending on the *RIDER'S* current needs.
- Activities the *RIDER* shall be exposed to include (but are not limited to) the *correct* way to:
 - Speak the Horse Language
 - Assess and approach a horse.
 - Catch, Halter, Lead and Tie a horse.
 - Groom and Pick up a horse's feet.
 - Saddle and Bridle a Horse.
 - Mount and Dismount a Horse.
 - Ride and Control a horse using Western Riding Methods.
 - Other activities that are a part of a typical life interacting with horses.
- *RIDER* is responsible for providing the tools recommended by trainer.

Scheduling:

It is up to *RIDER* to schedule their sessions with *TRAINER*. If *RIDER* defaults on scheduled appointments without making other arrangements at least 24 hours in advance then *RIDER* forfeits that session time while still being charged for the session. - *On-site* \$25 Fee per occurrence - *Off-site* \$50 Fee per occurrence

Part II. Payment and Rate Information:**Coaching/Instructing/Training in Basic Horsemanship and Western Riding**Hourly

Lessons **\$40** per hour **\$20** per half hour
 Horse provided for lesson use **\$10** per Horse

Additional Training Options & Fees:

- Facility Use for non-boarders - Fees charged by *PREMISES* for facility use in training are *RIDER'S* responsibility.
- Please see [Attachment A, Part III](#) for possible Transport charges

Payments can be made:In **Person** at the barnBy mail to: **A Gray Day Training, PO Box 81, Harmony, PA 16037**Online via **PayPal** to: vgrayhorses@graydaytraining.com. - Note that a **3%** Service fee will be added to all PayPal payments.**Part III. Trip & Hauling Rates:****Transport Charges**

- Lessons performed at the home outdoor Arena for a Gray Day Training have no trip charges associated.
- Lessons performed at your home facility using a *Gray Day Training* horses will incur a minimum **\$30** transport charge per lesson.
- Rates are based on the miles between home barn and the *FACILITY* round trip.

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Lessons Attachment B:

RIDER'S INFORMATION SHEET

Lesson start date: _____

RIDER'S INFORMATION:

Owner's Name: _____

Phone No.: (home) _____ cell) _____ (work) _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Text: yes no

To be contacted in case of emergency:

Name: _____

Phone No.: (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Address: _____

Allergies, if known _____

Other _____

Doctor or pediatrician:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Preferred hospital or Emergency Treatment Center:

Phone: _____

Insurance: Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy # _____

Carrier's Address: _____

Insurance contact for emergencies and phone number: _____

Special Needs Requirements:

RIDER'S previous level of experience: (please check one):

- 1) Novice – no experience
- 2) Minimal exposure or experience
- 3) Some previous exposure
- 4) Quite Experienced

Describe your current level of TRAINING: (use reverse side of page if needed)

List the specific goals and focuses for your TRAINING: (use reverse side of page if needed)

The undersigned RIDER or authorized agent hereby declares that the above information is true and correct, and agrees to indemnify and hold A Gray Day Training, and Valerie Gray-Nelson harmless from any and all costs, liability, damages, including without limitation attorney's fees and costs, resulting from any representation made herein by the undersigned RIDER.

Signature of Rider: (or authorized agent) _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Initials: _____
_____ Owner