

# *Stoner Ridge Farm*

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Welcome to Stoner Ridge Farm. We value the trust you have demonstrated by choosing SRF to care for and train your horse(s). In anticipation of your questions, please read over the following information. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call, text, or email.

Our mission at Stoner Ridge Farm is to serve the needs of our clients and their horses. We reduce horses' fear as we teach them to respect their handlers. Within our training program, we make adjustments to meet the unique needs and talents of each animal with the goal that every horse meets his highest potential whether it is on the trail, in a competitive venue, or in the breeding of potential off-spring. We desire, also, to build trust and friendship as we help educate our clients on the selection, safety, and effective ownership of their equine companions. In addition, it is our aim to gain knowledge through professional activities and organizations that influence the Mountain Horse industry.

## **Our Goals Our Training**

Foundation First Mountain Horse Training™ is Stoner Ridge Farm's training philosophy. It is a philosophy of communication that teaches understanding rather than relying on mechanics or fear. Our approach consists of teaching our horses by first establishing good ground manners. We stress the importance of gaining trust and respect from the horses we train by minimizing the prey-predator relationship. Our horses learn to give to pressure by moving away from pressure. They learn to bend and flex laterally as they become supple and compliant. Our foundation first philosophy combines opportunities to develop the mental, emotional, and physical aspects of our equine companions. They become responsive and willing before ever being ridden. Our solid foundation provides the essential support needed for all future training regardless of the way of going or discipline. In the process of learning new skills, it is not unusual for horses to become frustrated. When we have established a solid foundation first, we can back up in our training process to a point where the horse works well. We allow thinking time they are able to make the right choice. Horses will then be able to move on to the new skill from an attitude of confidence. As when building a house, the strength of the structure depends on a solid foundation. Likewise, the mental attitude, emotional stability, and physical development of our horses depend on the strength of our training program – a program like Foundation First Mountain Horse Training™.

*Stoner Ridge Farm  
Training Agreement*



Client/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Papers held by SRF: Yes No

Coggins Date: \_\_\_\_\_ KY Health Cert. Yes No Certification Requested: Yes No

Deworming Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccination Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinations: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History: \_\_\_\_\_

Training began: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Training: Certification Show Conformation Under Saddle Trail Versatility

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this contract, it is agreed that the client will be responsible for training or boarding fees plus reimbursements for farrier costs, dental work, veterinary services, show expenses, and other costs as agreed payable by the 15th of each month. All prize money will belong to the trainer; the trophies, ribbons, and KHBIF incentives will belong to the owner.

While every effort will be made to provide proper care to all horses stabled/boarded on the premises, Stoner Ridge Farm shall not be held liable for any costs or loss associated with a horse's sickness, theft, injury, or death. The client agrees to bear complete and total liability for their horse's continued health and well-being. In addition, the owner agrees to indemnify and hold Stoner Ridge Farm owner, manager, or employees harmless against any and all claims or loss or damage, without limitation. In the event the horse becomes ill or in need of major medical attention, the trainer or his designee shall contact the veterinarian and care for the horse to the best of his/her professional ability, and notify the owner as soon as possible. SRF will use Bluegrass Veterinary Service for our veterinary care unless client specifies another veterinarian here:

Either party may terminate this agreement by notifying the other in writing. The owner or agent may pick up the horse at an agreed upon time. Owner(s) will pay the trainer the amount due before the horse leaves Stoner Ridge Farm.

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Signature of Owner                      Date                      Signature of Trainer                      Date