



Dan Hobyn Stables

Lease Fees & Details:

Fees:

- 1 Day Per Week - \$300/Month
- 2 Days Per Week - \$350/Month
- 3 Days Per Week - \$450/Month

****Please Note:*** The lease fees above **do not include the cost of lessons**. All Leasers are required to take weekly lessons at DHS. However, Leasers do receive a discounted rate on lessons. (\$40 for Group & \$55 for Private).

Lease Details:

- Lease Days are to be on Saturday and/or Sunday only, unless other arrangements have been made. The horses are used in lessons during the week, and an extra ride would just not be fair for the horses' health.
- Leasers are allowed to take leased horse off property for 2 events free of charge (events include shows, clinics, or any other off-property activity). However, prior approval is required. Horses are NEVER to be taken off the property without permission (Get permission BEFORE sending in your entry form. Also, travel arrangements must be made prior to sending an entry). If the leaser wants to take the horse off property for more than 2 events, a \$50 fee will be charged per off-property event.
- If horse is taken off the property for a show, a negative coggins test will be required. Leaser is responsible for the cost of this test.
- On your lease day, you may ride the leased horse for up to 1 hour. You can ride both flat or jump. However, you may only jump things that you have jumped in your lessons.
- Also, on your lease day, you are to ride only 1 time. For instance, if you choose to sign up for a clinic or extra lesson (make-up lesson or Lynne Bergh lesson), the lesson will count as your lease day ride. Please do not ride them a second time after this. Because they are used throughout the week during lessons, extra rides on the weekend can lead to the horse becoming sore, tired and perhaps sour.
- ONLY the Leaser is allowed to ride the horse, no exceptions (no friends, family, etc...).
- If you want to ride bareback, you must be under the supervision of an experienced adult and ask permission beforehand. This is for your safety. Bareback riding is to be indoors only.
- Cleaning Stalls: Leasers are required to clean the horse's stall on the day(s) of your lease & the day of your regular weekly lesson. If lessons are cancelled, you are still responsible for coming out and cleaning the stall.
- If you are ever unable to clean the stall on your assigned days, please make arrangements for someone else to clean it (payment or a trade-off of work is common courtesy for this service)

- **Discounted Lesson Price:** If you are leasing a horse from Dan Hobyn Stables, you will receive the Boarder's lesson prices (\$40 for Group & \$55 for Private). **Leasers are required to take weekly lessons (4 per month minimum).**
- **Leasing a Horse gives the lessee a taste of horse ownership.** Part of horse ownership is dealing with the occasional injury or colic. Keep this in mind when you lease a horse. We do our best to find a "substitute" horse for you to ride on your lease day, but is not guaranteed you will have one, should your leased horse become sick or lame. If you owned the horse, you would also be responsible for the vet care, on top of not having a horse to ride. Please keep this in mind and be patient and understanding should this arise. We may ask Leasers to help with the care of the horse while recovering from injury.
- **Equipment:** Within the first month of leasing, we ask Leasers to purchase their own bridle, saddle pad, grooming tools and splint boots/bell boots (bell boots are optional) for the horse. Please consult your instructor to help with proper fitting of the boots to the horse. Leasers should already have their own saddle pad, since they bring their own pad to lessons – but since they will be riding more, it may be a good idea to have 2-3 saddle pads to help keep them clean. Leasers are strongly encouraged to get a safety vest as well. Saddles are provided, as the school saddles are made to fit each specific horse. If you prefer to purchase your own saddle, we ask that you use one of our saddle fitters to ensure a good fit. **Leasers are expected to clean their tack and the school saddle provided EVERY time they use it.**
- **Learning/Educational Opportunities:** Throughout the year, Dan Hobyn Stables hosts multiple clinics with Lynne Bergh, Robert Mendoza and other various clinicians. When hosting clinics, we do not typically charge an auditing fee to Dan Hobyn Students. And, we are always looking for volunteers to help with set up and jump crew for jumping clinics. These are great opportunities for you to further your education by auditing and helping out during clinics. Another opportunity for learning is to volunteer at both Dan Hobyn Stables' shows and local shows held at the Hoosier Horse Park or Come Again Farm in Sheridan. Every student should volunteer for at least one recognized show before competing in one. This helps give you the feel of how recognized shows run vs. schooling shows. We strongly encourage students to participate in the activities listed above.
- **Jump Height Limitations** – When leasing a horse for Dan Hobyn Stables, keep in mind that their #1 job is to be a Lesson Horse. Their secondary job is to be leased. In order to keep our horses sound and healthy for years to come, we keep a limit on the height of fences they can jump. Each horse has their own unique limitations, but the standard for EVERY horse is for them to be jumped no bigger than 2'3". This means Starter Level or lower. If you are looking to jump Beginner Novice (2'7") or bigger, you will need to think about purchasing your own horse. A lot of care and maintenance goes into an event horse, and we try our best to keep ours sound and happy with their work.

In conclusion, we recommend that you lease a horse for at least 6 months to a year before purchasing. Leasing really helps with understanding the time and monetary commitment it takes to owning a horse.