



# Dan Hobyn Stables

## Lesson Policies:

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### HOW TO GET STARTED:

\*For your 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, you have 2 options:

1. **Orientation Package (\$160)** – Designed for the beginner rider. This lesson package consists of 4 – 1 hour lessons. During the 1 hour sessions, there are 30 minutes of Horse Management Instruction (learning how to groom and tack a horse safely, as well as learn parts of the tack, horse, etc...), and 30 minutes of Riding Instruction.
2. **Initial Evaluation Ride (\$50)** – This lesson is a 45 minute Private Lesson designed for the rider who has had at least 1 year of riding experience. This lesson is used to evaluate where the rider may fit into our weekly riding lessons.

\*After either the Orientation Package/Evaluation Ride, you will have the option to:

- a. **Join a Group Lesson (\$40)** – Highly recommended as most riders learn from each other. Plus, it's a great opportunity to meet new friends, and are more economical than private lessons (Your instructor will work with you to find a group lesson in which you will fit into best.)
- b. **Stay in Private Lessons (\$50)** – Due to the lesson schedule being extremely full, we may not be able to accommodate a private lesson request. But, we will do our best.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

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What will you need to bring to your 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson?

#### FOR ANYONE VISITING THE BARN WITH THE RIDER:

- **VERY IMPORTANT: ANYONE ENTERING THE BARN (PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ETC...) MUST WEAR PROPER FOOTWEAR. THIS IS A SAFETY RULE: NO OPEN TOED SHOES – NO SANDALS, CROCS, CLOGS...TENNIS SHOES ARE ACCEPTABLE AS WELL AS BOOTS. THANK YOU!**

#### FOR THE RIDER:

- Long Pants – Breeches are preferred but not required.

- Hard Soled Shoes – Boots with no more than a 1 inch heel. Paddock boots are preferred, but not required. YOU MAY NOT RIDE IN TENNIS SHOES!
- During Winter Months, you may want to wear layers of clothing (Sweatshirts & Coats with zippers are a good idea, so you don't have to remove your helmet to get them off). Students start out cold, but then get warm while riding.

### **Do I need to bring my own helmet?**

\*No, we provide helmets. But, we recommend that you get your own helmet if you are serious about riding in the long term. Helmets must be ASTM/SEI Certified and worn at all times while mounted.

### **Where can I purchase a Helmet, Breeches and/or Paddock Boots?**

\*There are a number of local tack stores which carry these products:

- *The Stable Tack Shop (18 S. Main Street, Fortville, IN)* – carries various brands of certified helmets, boots & breeches. (317) 747-4979
- *Tractor Supply Co.* – carries certified Troxel Brand helmets for around \$45. They also carry a handful of paddock boots online.
- *Grand Champion Tack (3905 W. 96<sup>th</sup> St, Indpls, IN – North Side)* – carries various brands of certified helmets, boots & breeches. (317) 872-4248

## **CANCELATIONS:**

### **Extreme Temperatures:**

\*Lessons will be cancelled if the day time temperature is either below 20 degrees or above 90 degrees. This is for both the rider's and horse's health.

\*Emails will be sent out confirming any cancellations. If you are not sure if your lesson has been cancelled, please either email [danhobynstables@aol.com](mailto:danhobynstables@aol.com) or call or text your instructor (Rachel – 317-627-0809 or Kelly 317-727-6696).

### **Lesson Cancellations:**

**\*All lesson cancellations must be made via email to [danhobynstables@aol.com](mailto:danhobynstables@aol.com) 6 hours in advance of your lesson, **or you will be charged for the lesson**. You may also text your instructor 6 hours in advance. Just be sure to get a confirmation that someone received the message. Thank you** Please do not call the Dan Hobyn voicemail to cancel – use the email ONLY for cancellations, as we must have it in writing for our records.

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**CLEANING UP AFTER YOURSELF:**

\*Part of your responsibility is to make sure that the school horses' tack & grooming tools are put away properly & neatly. Please make sure to return all tack & grooming tools to their proper place in the tack room.

\*Please make sure to remove hair from brushes before returning them to the tack room.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP THE TACK ROOM CLEAN & TIDY!**