

# Endless Journey Farm: Riding Academy Policies

We're thrilled you're interested in experiencing the joy of horseback riding with Endless Journey. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please read through our riding school policies. These policies outline the responsibilities and expectations of riding students at Endless Journey Farm.

#### Lesson Scheduling

- Scheduled and drop-in lesson packages are available.
- Scheduled lesson days and times are agreed upon by the rider and Endless Journey.
- Riders in scheduled lessons may not change days or times.
- Drop-in lesson packages are available for riders with changing schedules.
- Drop-in lesson days and times are variable and are subject to availability.
- Drop-in lessons must be booked through the online booking system, by email to the email address of ejfridingacademy@gmail.com or by text/telephone to 705 761-5066.
- It is recommended to book a drop-in lesson at least 24 hours in advance.
- Once a drop-in lesson is booked and confirmed, it is subject to our cancellation policy.
- It is the rider's responsibility to book drop-in lessons. Drop-in lessons that have not been used within 30 days of purchase will not be carried forward to the following month.

#### **Riding Attire**

The following list of riding attire is required to participate in lessons. Riders will not be permitted to ride without the correct attire.

- A properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet.
- Riding boots or boots with a low heel.
- Riding breeches, jodhpurs, leggings, or long pants.
- An appropriate top. Tank tops or sleeveless tops are not permitted.
- Long hair tied back in a low ponytail or braid.

### Horse Care

Horse care is of utmost importance at Endless Journey Riding Academy. Riders are required to care for their lesson horse, clean tack and keep the barn tidy.

- Please allow 30 minutes before and after your scheduled lesson to tack-up, groom and care for your lesson horse.
- Horses must be groomed appropriately before and after each lesson. Tack must be cleaned after each ride.
- Riders will be excused early from any lesson that follows a lesson in which they did not appropriately care for their lesson horse.
- Riders arriving more than 20 minutes late for a scheduled lesson will not be permitted to ride and will be required to forfeit the lesson as a cancellation.
- In the event of extreme weather, poor footing, or conditions that are unsafe for riding, a horsemanship lesson will be given in lieu of a mounted riding lesson.
- Leading horses by the halter without a lead is not allowed, no exceptions.

# Facility Use

- Riding Academy Students are permitted in the riding academy barn, the indoor viewing area, and the washroom facilities.
- For safety reasons, the red barn is strictly off limits.
- All visiting dogs must be on a leash.
- Endless Journey Farm is a non-smoking facility.
- Riding Academy Students are only permitted to ride in assigned areas.
- Riding Academy Students are required to sweep the barn isle before and after every lesson and put away all grooming tools and riding equipment.

## **Payment Policy**

- Payments can be made to Endless Journey Farm Inc. by cheque, E-transfer, or credit card.
- If paying by credit card, Endless Journey Farm Inc. requires a pre-authorized credit card form completed and submitted with registration.
- If paying by E-Transfer: payment is due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.
- Riding Lessons are 45 60 minutes in length and the fee structure is as follows:
  - Scheduled group lessons are \$50.00+ HST
  - Scheduled private lessons are \$80.00 +HST
  - Drop-in group lessons are \$80.00 +HST
  - Drop-in private lessons are \$100.00 +HST
- Lessons will be invoiced monthly to the provided email.
- Riders will not be permitted to ride if lessons are not prepaid.
- Riders who wish to change their lesson package must submit the request by email to the email address of ejfridingacademy@gmail.com or by text/telephone to 705 761-5066 before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

### **Cancellation Policy**

- One make-up lesson per month is permitted with a minimum of 24 hours notice.
- A make-up lesson must be scheduled within 30 days of the initial reschedule date.
- Cancelled lessons result in a forfeiture of the lesson and all associated fees. There is no make-up lesson available for cancelled lessons. This includes last-minute rescheduling requests and cancellations due to illness.
- Missed lessons will not be credited on future invoices or carried forward past the 30- day scheduling window.
- It is the responsibility of the rider to reschedule the make-up lesson.
- Rescheduling requests are only accepted via the online booking system, by email to the email address of ejfridingacademy@gmail.com or by text/telephone to 705 761-5066.
- Rescheduling requests will not be accepted through verbal agreement with riding instructors.
- Should a lesson be cancelled by Endless Journey Farm Inc. a make-up lesson will be scheduled.