

High Tail Acres, LLC



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| PLEASE CHECK PROGRAM/S: | |
| _____ Lessons | _____ Horsemanship Programs |
| _____ Both | _____ Other |
| DATE HTA RECEIVED ___/___/___ | |

**PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND DO NOT SIGN IT UNLESS YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND IT.
STUDENT APPLICATION – PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO HIGH TAIL ACRES, LLC.
PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNTIL RECEIVED.**

YOUR SIGNATURE HEREON IS VERIFICATION THAT YOU HAVE READ THE STUDENT APPLICATION FORM & OVERVIEW.

This document covers the providing of riding/driving instruction by an authorized Instructor at *High Tail Acres, LLC*, Newbury, MA to the Student named on this application. By signature hereon, *High Tail Acres, LLC* agrees to provide the instructor, horse/pony, and facilities to deliver the agreed upon instruction and the student (parent/guardian if student is a minor) agrees to attend and pay for the provided instruction.

Student's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Riding/Driving Experience: _____

In order to serve your individual needs, please inform *High Tail Acres, LLC* if your child has a particular learning style. Thank you. _____

Release: I, the Student (parent/guardian) recognize the inherent risks of injury or death involved in ALL horse related activities (including grooming, handling, riding and driving); that accidents do happen; that the condition of footing, inside and outside, is rarely perfect; and that horses/ponies oftentimes react to outside stimuli, becoming frightened or irritated and may divert from any training it has received and may react in a manner which may include, but not limited to: stopping short, changing direction or speed at will, bucking, rearing, kicking in order to escape perceived danger. In taking lessons at *High Tail Acres, LLC* I (parent/guardian) / I assume any and all such risk of injury or death and further, I (parent/guardian) / I forever release *High Tail Acres, LLC*, it's owners, instructors, trainers, coaches, assistants, volunteers, etc. from any and all responsibility on account of any injury that may be sustained or death, whether on or off the premises of *High Tail Acres, LLC*. I agree to indemnify forever and hold harmless forever *High Tail Acres, LLC*, it's owners, instructors, trainers, coaches, assistants, volunteers, etc. on account of any such claim, except in the case of willful and wanton negligence.

WARNING: UNDER MASSACHUSETTS LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 128, SECTION D OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

My/Parent/guardian's signature hereon gives permission to *HTA, LLC* to photograph, display photos and use photos in advertisements, social media and on the *HTA, LLC* website, unless otherwise noted by myself / parent/guardian.

In order to respect the privacy of other clients/students and their horses, videos and photos taken by you are limited to your child or you only. Please seek the permission of your instructor and/or your child's instructor/trainer before you videotape or photograph your/their lesson. Thank you.

Medical Authorization: In the event that the above named student requires medical attention due to an accident or injury which may occur with horse/pony related activities at *High Tail Acres, LLC*, the owners, staff, instructor, trainer, assistant, volunteer, etc. are given full authority to engage in necessary emergency medical services for the above named student.

Insurance Co: _____ Group Number: _____

Doctor: _____ Tel #: _____

Dentist: _____ Tel #: _____

Drug Allergies: _____ Date of Tetanus: _____

I/We have read this application and fully understand and agree to the contents of this document and the Lesson Program Information Page.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

**LESSON PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

High Tail Acres, LLC offers Saddle Seat and Hunt Seat on the flat lessons for ages 5 and over! We also offer Driving lessons. We teach private, semi-private and group lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced students, from academy to show horse, for performance and pleasure. Our lesson program at High Tail Acres, LLC is individualized to each student, taking into consideration the student's age, ability, previous experience and maturity. The staff at High Tail Acres, LLC stresses the importance of safety and every precaution is taken to provide the student with a positive learning experience. The Sport of Riding requires a commitment, therefore lessons are scheduled on a weekly basis for everyone and more frequently for students in our show and academy programs and for students who desire to further develop their skills. Our trainers/instructors have received numerous professional awards, including UPHA Chapter 14 Horse Persons of the Year in 2018 & 2024 and are MA licensed each with over 25 years teaching experience. Our Young Professional Trainer/Instructor has received World and National Championship titles in Equitation and Performance divisions, along with UPHA Chapter 14 awards as a junior exhibitor. Students in our lesson program have gone on to receive world and national titles.

LESSON OPTIONS:

***Private Lessons** offer one on one instruction that allows for the growth and attainment of skills, as well as the fine tuning of skills for our students in our show and academy programs and for students who desire to further develop their skills. Private Lessons are for advanced, intermediate and advanced beginner students with approximately 30 minutes of riding time and 15 minutes before and after of hands on in the stall.

***Group Lessons** teach advanced ringmanship and strategy skills, while offering the opportunity for students to watch and learn from each other and also create new friendships with other horse lovers in the barn. Group lessons are by invitation only and are reserved for students in our show and academy programs and for students who desire to further develop their skills. Group Lessons are approximately 45 minutes of riding time and 15 minutes before and after of hands on in the stall.

***Semi-private Beginner lessons** are offered only on Saturdays and are approximately 30 minutes of riding time and 15 minutes of hands on instruction in the stall. Beginner students are started in semi-private lessons with only beginners in the ring. Beginner lessons may have 2 students/horses in the ring at the same time, with leaders and spotters as needed. Our leaders and spotters are experienced students in our program.

***Semi-private lessons** allow for instruction with 2 students per instructor in the ring. Semi-private lessons are offered for our intermediate and advanced level students where we will strategically schedule lessons by level of rider's ability and horse availability. These lessons are approximately 30 minutes of riding time and 15 minutes before and after of hands on in the stall.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Students are required to wear ASTM/SEI certified protective headgear dated 3yrs or less. For safety, it is necessary to have the student's hair pulled back into a ponytail or braid at all times while at the barn. **For the student's initial lessons:** Shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, etc. should be form fitting and not oversized; students should wear long pants to prevent chafing; hard-soled shoes or boots (not cowboy boots) with at least, but not more than, a ½ inch heel are required footwear. High Tail Acres has available helmets and paddock boots for short term student use. **Upon completion of a student's 4th lesson, we require the student to purchase their own helmet, paddock boots, appropriate riding apparel and gloves.** It is of the utmost importance that a student has their own equipment and apparel. The staff at High Tail Acres, LLC will assist you in ordering and/or providing a location from where you can purchase the correct riding apparel and equipment and High Tail logo wear.

FEES AND PAYMENT:

- 1 Lesson - \$60.00 **Must be Paid in advance** of your lesson

All Packages must be paid in advance of the start of your package in order to receive a credit to your lesson account

- 4 Lessons - \$240.00 \$5.00 credit
- 8 Lessons - \$480.00 \$15.00 credit
- 20 Lessons - \$1,200.00 \$50.00 credit

A late payment fee of \$25.00 per lesson will be applied to lesson accounts that carry a balance due.

We accept payment by Cash or VENMO: search dawndeltorchio or @hightailacres or Check payable to: High Tail Acres, LLC. There is a \$25.00 fee for checks returned for insufficient funds. **There are no refunds; no transfers.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: A 24 hour notice is required for a lesson cancellation. If notice is not received the lesson will be charged to the student's account. If after 3 times you fail to notify High Tail Acres, LLC of a lesson cancellation, you will automatically forfeit your permanent lesson time slot. **There are no refunds, no transfers.** We understand that emergencies do arise and we will work with you to reschedule your lesson under those circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Lessons will be cancelled by High Tail Acres, LLC in the case of extreme weather, (i.e. cold weather or extreme heat) and the student will be notified. You will not be charged for a lesson cancelled by High Tail Acres.

TO CANCEL: TEXT YOUR INSTRUCTOR or EMAIL hightailacres@yahoo.com DO NOT CALL THE BARN

TARDINESS: Being late to a lesson will result in the student receiving less time riding.

CONDUCT: Supervision of children (siblings and guests) at High Tail Acres, LLC is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. The instructor will supervise your child only during the scheduled lesson time. Any vandalism or disturbances caused by a student or anyone accompanying a student, while on the premises of High Tail Acres, LLC may result in immediate termination of any agreements and the student and/or parent/guardian will be held liable for any and all damages incurred. **REMINDER: High Tail Acres, LLC is a professional training and boarding stable. Please be mindful that the show horses are athletes. Please do not feed them or disturb them. Also, please do not feed or disturb boarder's horses. Please do not feed or pet horses that are in the paddocks. We cannot assume liability for possible injury. Please read and understand this document and return the signed, completed application form. The signed student application form is verification that you have read and agree to the items here within.**

We look forward to sharing a rewarding and enjoyable experience with you at High Tail Acres, LLC.