

North Country Haven, LLC.

Training Contract

Welcome! It is my goal to make the most of the time you and your horse spend with me, I highly recommend you communicate freely with me throughout the training process. Please be open so I can meet or exceed your expectations. Please read the following policy carefully.

This training contract is between Melissa Stuckey (trainer) and _____, hereinafter designated "Owner". I Melissa Stuckey, agree to accept Owner's horse _____ for training beginning on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Owner and Trainer mutually agree as follows:

1. Owner shall pay trainer for professional services as described below, the fee of \$900 full time training (5x worked per wk.). A NON-refundable deposit of \$150 is due in advance to reserve your horses spot, please make checks payable to North Country Haven, LLC. 3201 Wilderness Dr. Makinen, MN 55763.
Full time training package includes 2 lessons per month with the horse you send in training. Any extra lessons are \$50 per hour. Monthly rates and all other charges are subject to change upon 30 days written notice to Owner. The minimum training period is 30 days, unless pre-discussed with owner. Beyond the minimum period, the owner may end the training contract at any time as long as a minimum of 15 days-notice is given and all outstanding fees are paid in full. All horses are kept in a private paddock with shelter, hay fed 2-3x a day, water access and are handled daily.
 - You will need to provide a grain type feed for your horse during training. Training is like a workout program or boot camp. Your horse is going to be doing things mentally and physically that he/she is not used to. Proper protein and vitamin levels are necessary to maintain a healthy horse during training. I suggest feeds like Roasted To Perfection. I highly recommend not using a regular based sweet feed.
2. Full time training includes a minimum of 5 sessions per week and may include riding, lunging and/or ground work. One session per week may be used as owner lesson provided the horse in training is deemed safe for owner to ride by the trainer. Horses will not be ridden by anyone other than myself, my employees or qualified working students, or the owner while in training unless prior arrangements have been made. I shall train your horse and perform all services compassionately, humanely and conscientiously in accordance with generally accepted professional standards. I do not and cannot guarantee any effect of my training program or that any particular results will be achieved, since this depends a great deal on the individual ability of the horse.
3. Both parties agree that Melissa Stuckey and any associates are not liable for death, sickness and/or accident including consequential damages to horse unless such death, sickness and/or accident was caused by the willful and wanton gross negligence; and Owner is not liable for death, sickness and/or accident including consequential damages caused by horse, unless Owner had knowledge of horse's pre-existing problems which were the direct cause of such. Upon "Owners" horse damaging or breaking any training equipment, fences, tack and so on, the owner is in full understanding that is it the owner's responsibility to pay the full price of such damages.
4. I reserve the right to notify the owner within 7 days of arrival if the horse, in my option, is deemed dangerous, handicapped, or untrainable; in such case, Owner is responsible for removing horse within 7 days and all expenses incurred during horse's stay. After all fees have been paid in full, contract is concluded.
5. If I ride the horse at mutually agreed-upon shows, the owner shall pay a per day showing fee, clipping/grooming fees, horse's entry fees, ground fees, stall fees and/or expenses incurred while being shown or transported.
6. I encourage you to check on your horse's progress by regularly visiting the facility. Feel free to stop by at any time and we will make every effort to accommodate you. However, if you set up an appointment ahead of time, I can ensure you will be given the attention you deserve.
7. All horses in training must be current on worming and vaccinations, current Negative Coggins is required.
8. Owners will be informed of, and must authorize, any additional services or veterinary appointments. Our current veterinarian will render services unless otherwise specified. In any case if we determine that immediate emergency veterinarian care is needed, we will make every attempt to contact the owner for approval. If we are unable to make contact, the owner authorizes Melissa Stuckey to act on their behalf and approve emergency services. All services will be at the expense of the owner.

As a matter of professionalism and common courtesy towards my clients, I try to keep my fees extremely reasonable. Please make every attempt to pay your training bill in a timely manner. Please feel free to contact me anytime during or after your horses training with any questions, concerns or comments. I appreciate your business and look forward to working with you and your horse! Thank you.

Owner - Date: _____ Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Trainer - Date: _____ Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____