

Blackstone Farm

Description of Services Provided

Board: Board at Portola Farms consists of a 12' x 12' stall cleaned twice daily and 2 meals of pellet feed. Additional feed is available but must be fed by the trainer's groom staff. There is access to 25 acres of land on which there are 4 riding arenas(2 covered) and 12 turnout paddocks that are "public" and 10 "private" that are available at an additional fee.

EuroCiser: Available and recommended for some horses at an additional fee per month. Unlimited use is offered.

Basic Training: Training is provided Tuesday through Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm. Basic Training consists of 4 trainer sessions per week. The typical training week consists of 1 training ride, 1 flat lesson, 2 jumping lessons. If a rider misses a lesson it can be made up that week but lessons do not carry over to the next week or month. Trainer rides will be substituted when riders are unable to make their lessons.

Full Training: Training days the same as basic training. There is either one additional trainer ride or one additional flat lesson offered per week.

Other services included in training are communication with the vet, shoer and any other medical or therapeutic professional required to care for your horse. Other services include entering horse shows and arranging transportation to the show. The arrangement of laundering horse clothing is provided as well as the ordering of equipment needed for home and shows.

Customers are responsible to have their trunks cleaned and packed before going to shows. You are responsible to have the equipment necessary for you and your horse to compete at a show in your trunk when it is loaded on the van. This includes things like saddle pads(2), coolers, hair nets, gloves, crops, spurs etc.

Maintenance Fee: This fee replaces the training fee for horses who may become injured and are not being ridden but who require stall rest or hand walking. The trainer is responsible for communication with vets, shoers and relaying care instructions to grooms.

Grooming: Grooming services are provided Tuesday through Sunday 9am to 5pm.

Grooming service includes the preparation of horses for any of the training services as well as turnout, feeding lunch, lunging, hand walking, clipping for shows, bathing, blanketing, wrapping legs, feeding medication and the cleaning of tack and equipment. Saddles are not cleaned.

Supplies: Any equipment or supplies required to operate. Receipts are divided among training horses and billed quarterly.

Show Fees. Day fees begin and end day 1 of travel. Grooming fees begin the day of setup and end the day the horses return home.

Day Fee: This is the fee the trainer charges for all work pertaining to and preparing for entering and competing at shows as well as any work done related to shopping for a horse(This is on top of any commission charged). This covers schooling and showing the horses as well as lessons for riders at a show or in the process of horse shopping. This does not include expenses incurred by the trainer at a show or horse shopping trip such as hotel, food, gas, air travel or supplies.

Grooming: This includes packing and transporting equipment, loading horses, setting up equipment at the show as well as preparing and cleaning the horses for the show ring, lunging, walking, blanketing, stall cleaning, feeding, wrapping legs etc. It also includes unloading equipment, and meeting the horses when they return home.

Trainer Expenses and Supplies: This includes any expense incurred while preparing for and traveling to shows. Examples are gas, food, hotel, fly spray, grass to decorate the show setup, plants, duct tape etc. Receipts for these items are divided among the horses entered in a show after the close of entries for that show.

Show Scratch Fee: This fee plus the above mentioned expenses are charged to any horse scratched from a show for any reason after the close of entries.

Commissions: This fee covers any work done related to the purchase, lease or donation of a horse. It is charged after the sale, lease or donation concludes. This includes but is not restricted to researching, selecting, negotiating and communicating with other professionals regarding the purchase, sale, lease or donation of a horse. Travel expenses, advertising expenses and time spent will be billed as they are incurred. A day fee is charged for every day spent away from home. The commission is based on the price, lease fee or netted donation amount of a horse.