



## **WELCOME**

Thank you for choosing to participate in the OSI-CAN Healing with Horses Couples Retreat at our farm Rustic Blue Ranch. Our BEING AMONG HORSES equine therapy program offers unmounted equine therapy sessions with our beautiful equine partners (horses and donkeys), plus we have created a safe nature-based environment for you to explore and benefit from.

We aim to make your experience a memorable one.

## **FARM RULES**

We choose to provide an environment where all beings are respected.

With regards to horses:

- Anyone under the age of 18 years old must wear a helmet
- No tying of horses to the round pen or panels (posts in the ground are the best option)
- No smoking, lighters, matches or anything flammable on premises
- No running, screaming or jumping around the horses (especially while working around horses)
- No personal animals unless you have a certified service dog

With regards to the equipment and location:

- If you or your horse makes a mess, clean it up
- If you use it, take care of it
- If you borrow it, return it
- If you open it, close it
- If you move it, put it back
- If you turn it on, turn it off
- If you break it, tell someone
- If it doesn't concern you, mind your own business.

## **DRESS CODE**

Dress in clothing suitable and comfortable to work around horses in as well as easy to wash and repair if soiled or torn. Proper attire for the current weather conditions, as we will be outside for all exercises. Take into consideration heat, sun, wind, rain, etc.

Comfortable sleeve t-shirts are ideal, although too baggy and they might get caught or hang up on something, then you could get injured.

Comfortable jeans are good, wear pants appropriate to working around horses. Remember if they are too loose or baggy they could get caught on something and easily torn.

Shoes need to be closed and protective (no open toed shoes).

Dress modestly. The management and team members will be respectful of you as an individual, please be respectful of them in return. Management and team members will stand next to you for assistance, so dress with not only safety in mind but modesty as well. For example, low cut jeans are currently in fashion and stylish, although when you are working with horses, it is easy for them to slide down and show too much. The same is true with low cut blouses, bending over to brush a horse, pick up a foot or pick up hay can easily show more than intended in this type of environment and activity. Remember, farms can be dirty and a tough environment on clothing; don't wear something that will be destroyed if it gets stained, torn or damaged.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Confidentiality is a respected part of Being Among Horses code of ethics. We understand that you may feel the need to talk about private and revealing information, and that you need a safe place to talk about anything you would like, without fear of that information leaving the room. We take your privacy very seriously.



**BEING AMONG HORSES the “Organization”**

**Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability**

**For Participants OVER THE AGE OF MAJORITY in the Province in which the Equine Activities are Provided by the Host.  
WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY.**

**Every Person Must Read and Understand this Waiver before Participating in Equine Activities**

The following waiver of all claims, release from all liability, assumption of all risks, agreement not to sue and other terms of this agreement are entered into by me (the Participant) with and for the benefit of: BEING AMONG HORSES – OSI-CAN HHR, it’s directors, officers, employees, volunteers, business operators, agents and site property owners or lessees (collectively the “Host”). Without limiting operated by the “Host”, riding instruction, coaching and training provided by the “Host” to the Participant.

**INITIAL TO THE LEFT OF EACH OF THE SEVEN POINTS BELOW AFTER READING AND UNDERSTANDING EACH ITEM:**

1. I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazard and risks (collectively “Risks”) associated with “Equine Activities” and injuries resulting from these “Risks” are a common occurrence. I am aware that the “Risks” of “Equine Activities” mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of “Equine Activities”, including but not limited to:
  - a. The propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people and objects;
  - b. The unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals and hazards such as subsurface objects;
  - c. The potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act withing their abilities to maintain control over an equine.
  - d. The potential of natural or man-made hazards being present that can cause me harm, including communicable disease.
2. I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all “Risks” and possibilities of any and all personal injury, sickness, disease, medical payments, death, property damage or loss resulting from my participation in “Equine Activities”.
3. I agree that although the “host” has taken steps to reduce the “risks” and increase the safety of the “Equine Activities”, it is not possible for the “Host” to make the “Equine Activities” completely safe. I accept these “Risks” and agree to the terms of this waiver even if the “Host is found to be negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to me in my participation in “Equine Activities”.
4. In addition to consideration given to the “Host” for my participation in “Equine Activities”, I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrations and assigns (collectively my “Legal Representatives” agree:
  - a. To waive all claims that I have or may have in the future against the “Host”;
  - b. To release and forever discharge the “Host” from all liability for any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss resulting from my participation in the equine activity due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the “host”; and
  - c. To be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the “Host” from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs demands, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in “Equine Activities”.
5. I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of the Province or Territory of Canada in which the “Equine Activities” are provided by the “Host”. I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction over the terms and claims referred to herein. Any litigation to enforce this waiver will be instituted in the Province or Territory of Canada in which the “Equine Activities” are provided by the “Host”.



6. I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in it's entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between myself and the "Host", and it is binding on myself and my "Legal Representatives".

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I give BEING AMONG HORSES – OSI-CAN HHR permission to use the photographs/video's described for purposes of promotion and advertising on social media/website platforms.

Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

I request any photo's/videos with my face or any identifying feature not be used.





BEING AMONG HORSES  
the "Organizer"

Event Participation Waiver

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR ALL CLAIMS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.** Completed waivers must be returned with registration or prior to attending the Organizer's event: BEING AMONG HORSES - OSI-CAN HHR (the "Event"). This waiver does not affect accident and out-of-country travel insurance provided by the Organization where applicable.

By signing on page five of this document, the Participant (named below) represents that the Participant:

1. Has not travelled internationally during the last 14 days;
2. Has not visited a COVID-19 high risk area, region or location in Canada during the last 14 days;
3. Does not knowingly have COVID-19;
4. Is not experiencing known symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, and if experiences such symptoms during the Event will immediately depart from the Event;
5. Has not, in the past 14 days, knowingly come into contact with someone who has COVID-19, who has known symptoms of COVID-19, or is self-quarantining after returning to Canada; and
6. Follows government recommended guidelines in respect of COVID-19, including practicing physical distancing, and will do so to the best of the Participant's ability during the Event. In addition, by signing below the Participant and/or the Participant's Guardian understands, acknowledges and assumes the inherent risks in participating in the Event, including, but not limited to: the potential for bodily injury or illness (including contraction of COVID-19); contact or interaction with others who may have been exposed to COVID-19; permanent disability, paralysis, or loss of life; collision with natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect venue or field of play conditions; equipment failure; participants of varying skill levels; inadequate safety measures; circumstances known, unknown or beyond the control of the Organizer, its partners, sponsors, agents, affiliates, directors, employees, officer, therapists, or volunteers (together, the "Organization"); negligence or omission of the Organization (collectively, the "Risks").

In consideration for allowing the Participant to participate in the Event, the Participant and/or the Participant's Guardian: (a) release, discharge and forever hold harmless the Organization from any and all liability for damages or loss arising as a result of the Risks of participation in or in connection with the Event; (b) waive any right to sue the Organization in respect of all causes of action (including for injuries or illness caused by their own negligence), claims, demands, damages or losses of any kind that may arise as a result of the Risks of participation in or in connection with the Event, including without limitation the right to make a third party claim or claim over against the Organization arising from the same; and (c) freely assumes all risks associated with the Risks, anything incidental to the Risks, which may arise as a result of participation in or in connection with the Event.

**YOU ARE GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS TO ANY AND ALL FUTURE CLAIMS AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION.**

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I confirm that I have reach the age of majority in the province in which I am participating in “Equine Activities”.

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal \_\_\_\_\_

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Participant Signature Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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(Print Name of “Host” Witness to Signing and Initialing)

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(Signature of “Host” Witness) Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_