

# Unicorn Therapeutic Riding

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## Therapeutic Riding Program Policies

The following is a copy of the therapeutic riding program policies, which is signed by every client (or their legal guardian) before starting in the program. If you have any questions regarding any of these policies, please contact Erin Hurley at 609-354-2014 or [erin@unicornriding.com](mailto:erin@unicornriding.com).

### Student Fees and Payments:

- Our fee is \$50.00, and is due at the time of service.
- For those in need of financial assistance, scholarships are awarded when funds are available for those that prove financial need. There is a separate scholarship application process that must be completed to be considered.
- Billing can be arranged, please contact Erin for more information.
- Insurance reimbursement must be arranged in advance of service.

### Enrollment and Attendance:

- We require a 2 week notice to be removed from the program schedule without a cancellation fee. If 2 week notice is not provided, there will be a fee.
- If a client misses 2 consecutive lessons with no notice they will be removed from the schedule.
- If a client must take a medical leave, the program requires a written release from the physician before that client can return.

### Cancellation and Make-Up Policy:

- We require a 24-hour notice for lesson cancellations, otherwise the \$50.00 fee is required.
- Make-up lessons will be scheduled whenever possible, but *are not guaranteed*.
- No refunds or credits will be applied for any missed lessons.
- In the case of inclement weather (thunderstorms, lightning, high wind, extreme heat or cold, etc.) and mounted lessons cannot be safely performed, a horsemanship lesson may replace the lesson. These lessons focus on the bond with the horse and cover topics such as grooming, handling, feeding, body parts, medical treatments, and helpful exercises.

### Attire:

- Riding pants are recommended, as well as winter riding gear.
- Boots with a hard sole and a ¼ inch heel are recommended for riders, although not required.
- Riders ARE required to wear shoes that have a closed toe, closed heel, and are secure to foot (no crocs, sandals, etc.).
- Clients that trot and canter independently (as determined by instructors) are required to wear long pants and proper riding boots for safety unless a medical reason is provided.
- An ASTM/SEI approved helmet is required for any activities around horses. *This includes barn activities as well as riding*. The program has helmets available for use or you may bring your own, as long as it is properly approved. The helmet must be worn within the guidelines of PATH Intl. Standards. We would be happy to explain these guidelines if you have questions.

**Student Discharge:**

- The program's current weight limit is 175 pounds. A client that exceeds this limit may not be able to participate in mounted lessons. However, horsemanship lessons may be provided for such individuals.
- For the safety of the instructors, volunteers, students, and horses, we have a strict "no aggression" policy. For incidents of aggression and/or violence, one warning will be given, depending on the severity of the incident. In the case of a second incident, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- In accordance with ADA laws and PATH Intl. precautions and contraindication standards, a student may be asked to leave the therapeutic riding program if deemed inappropriate for therapeutic riding.
- A student will be discharged from the program if it is determined that the risk for injury exceeds the potential for benefits.
- Reasons for dismissal include, but are not limited to: recommendation from consulting doctor or therapist, incidence of aggression and/or violence, behavior that endangers self or others, disregard for Center or PATH Intl. policies, disrespect to others, inability to provide an equine appropriate for said participant, recommendation from instructor that participant is appropriate for a mainstream riding facility.