



## Welcome to Gale's:

- Driveway **speed limit is 8 mph. DRIVE SLOW!**
- No parking on the lawn or directly in front of the barn aisle doors. Do not block the driveway around the barn. Do not park along the front of the apartment area – that spot is reserved for Gale and John.
- Do not bring strollers or baby carriers into the barn.
- Riding students are requested to leave your dog at home. The barn is not a safe place for students' dogs.
- All students, parents, family, and friends must wear proper shoes for the barn. **No open toed sandals** or high heels.
- Please keep **long hair secured back** and out of the way as some horses may mistake it for hay, or the long hair may be caught in the tack of the horse, creating a severe injury to your scalp. This rule is for students and guests.
- **No dangling jewelry** should be worn in the barn.
- **No loose clothing** should be worn in the barn. Long pants required for riding, but no longer than the heel of the shoe.
- ASTM/SEI safety equestrian helmets **MUST** be worn when riding by **EVERYONE**, and helmets are available for loan, however, prior to cantering/loping you must have your own approved helmet.
- Pay close attention to what is going on, and do not pass a horse in the aisle until the horse's attendant has control of the horse and helps you by.
- All "little brothers and sisters" **MUST** be kept safe, therefore, parents are asked to hold hands with little ones. No little children (age 6 and under) are allowed to be in the barn unattended at any time.
- No running in the barn.



## Liability Release

- A Liability Release is required for all riding students of Gale's Equine Facility ***as well as*** any parents, family or friends who will be in the barn aisle at any time. Please remember a liability release may only be signed by a parent or legal guardian of a rider under 18 years of age. **BOTH** parents must sign for youth under 18.



## Payments of Lessons

- Payments are due at the beginning of the first lesson if you are paying for the discounted package rate. Please make checks payable to Gale's Equine Facility. The four lesson package is intended to be scheduled for four consecutive weeks and only for one person, unless prior arrangements have been made with Gale.
- A "no-show" is expected to pay for that lesson. **PLEASE** call if you are unable to make your lesson. "No-Shows" are defined as anytime a student fails to notify Gale, for rescheduling (a "make-up lesson"), ***the night before*** the scheduled lesson day. Please be considerate of the barn when you can't make your lesson. We have planned ours and the horses' schedules around your lessons.



## Student Responsibilities:

- Please arrive on time, allowing enough time for you to prepare for your lesson.
- Please wear clothing appropriate for riding (long pants) and for the weather. In cold weather, parents should make sure that children have long enough pants and high enough socks, and proper "cold weather wear" to protect legs. Warm boots and gloves are a must in cold weather.

- Students are requested to review the information that is posted on the white marker board located between the steps and the door that leads to the tack room. Please review the board upon arrival every time you come to the barn. You will see updates on this board regarding horses, safety and barn operational issues.
- Please respect our boarders. Please do not put grooming supplies or your things on their tack trunks.
- Students should learn how to properly and safely tack up and untack a horse, to learn pre-ride safety checks and to properly put a horse away, with no saddle marks...the horse needs to be thoroughly free of sweat marks and dirt. Tack also needs to be put away cleaned! Please ask your instructor to help you with this effort and to check that all has been done satisfactorily.
- All horses are to be secured at all times either on cross-ties or tied in the horse's stall. Make sure your instructor teaches you how to properly tie a horse. Students must have the horse's halter on completely and buckled properly, and it is only to unlatched while you are immediately putting on or taking off the bridle.

## In the Riding Ring... During the Lesson:



- We are glad that parents and friends watch our lessons. We do request that you allow our instructors to be the **ONLY** teachers during our lessons. It is best if students are focused on one instructor at a time.
- To preserve the quality of our indoor arena footing (and your breathing space), we immediately clean up horse droppings, we welcome the help of parents and friends during the lessons to clean up the poops. Otherwise your instructor will have to interrupt the lesson to do the cleanup.

### After the Lesson:

- Students should learn how to completely pick up after himself or herself after the lesson. Please double check that you haven't accidentally dropped something, forgotten to put the saddle cover on the saddle, and be sure to clean your bit, put your bridle up properly, spray your girth, and put everything away in its proper place (neatly). Saddle pads go upside down and hung separately, and not piled on top of each other wet saddle pads. Learn how to do these things.
- Students are also expected to clean up the aisle floor after you have finished grooming your horse. This is part of good "barnkeeping".
- Our barn policy...if you used it..put it back where it belongs. If you turned it on, turn it off when you are done. If you broke it, be responsible, and tell your instructor.... And offer to replace it.
- Please remember to take your personal possessions home with you, including your helmet and clothing.
- Please make arrangements in advance to have your ride pick you up on time after your lesson.

*It is the intent of the above rules to keep you and your family and friends safe. A complete set of guidelines is included in Gale's Equine Facility's "Operations & Procedures Manual", which is available on Gale's website.*

### A FINAL WORD:

If you don't understand a rule, or a direction, or you have a question, or you need help, then ask your instructor to assist you. Do not risk an accident by trying to do something that you are not skilled or prepared to do on your own. When in DOUBT of what you are doing, then STOP and get HELP.

*Gale Wolfe*

*Owner & Head Instructor.*

*ARIACertified Level 3*

*Instructor of Dressage, Hunt Seat, Western  
& Recreational Riding*

*Level 1 Eventing & Carriage Driving.*

*One of ARIA's*

*TOP 50 Instructors in the USA*

*USDF Silver & Gold Medalist*

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*Welcome to*



*Gale's Equine Facility!*

*Inside you will find some basic rules and guidelines for Gale's Equine Facility.*

*For YOUR SAFETY –  
Please read through them!  
Please follow the rules!*

