



LITTLE RAVEN RANCH

9609 Roxborough Park Rd, Littleton CO 80125

Policies & Expectations

We are thrilled you have chosen to board at Little Raven Ranch! Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Our policies/expectations are to help you understand what we ask for from you as a boarder, and help to understand our barn and its operations.

A current Coggins and Health Certificate for all horses coming to our barn is required, as well as paperwork filled out for both you and your horse. We have a duty to keep the horses here in a controlled environment and at a reduced risk of exposure to outside disease/illness.

A stall name plate is also required. If you do not have one, we can order one for you, up to three lines of writing for \$12.

We feed supplements at the afternoon feeding, unless otherwise specified. If you have multiple supplements, you will need to combine into a Tupperware, or baggie labeled with your horses' name. We will provide a bin to store these in the feed room. Please keep track of how many days of supplements are provided and when they need to be refilled, as this responsibility is on you and not the staff to monitor. Only staff is allowed to handle grain and hay- this helps us to keep track of inventory and quality.

Little Raven is open from 8am-8pm every day. Please be respectful of these hours. We keep hours for consistency for the horses, workers and also quiet and private times for the residential houses and families on property. The only days we are closed are Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years' Day, unless there is an unforeseen circumstance. Horses will be watered/fed and stalls cleaned, but no turnouts on these days. We do our best to make sure our employees get part of these holidays off as well.

Board is due by the 5th of every month, or a 5% late fee will be assessed. Please use the mail box in front of the office door to leave checks/cash, or mail them to our address. Bounced checks will be charged a \$30 bounced check fee.

We have a no pet policy. Live-on employees and trainers can bring their dogs but we limit it to that, for safety reasons. In the past, outside dogs have the potential for fights, excessive barking, getting loose, or inside of the rings, etc and we simply can't have that happen for liability reasons. We do love all animals, but please keep yours at home when you come to the barn.

No one under 16 will be allowed at the barn without an adult present. No riding or grazing behind the residential houses, in turnout areas or in pavilion grass area (between barn and houses). Feel free to use the rest of the property and back riding field or trails if you are riding outside the ring. You are allowed to use the round pens. Remember to use proper ring etiquette when riding. A release form must be signed by anyone riding and it is the owners responsibility to make sure any friends, family members etc. fill one out. Blank ones are hanging on the wall in break room.

Turnouts are either morning shift 8am-11am or afternoon shift 11-2pm. If your horse is not in its stall at turnout time, then it is owner's responsibility to turn it out. The horses are in individual turnouts and the barn will designate which turnout pen your horse goes in. If you have a preference on which time shift they go out in, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you, but it is not a guarantee. We do offer an option of all-day turnout from 8-2pm for a charge of \$150/mo. (*aprox \$1.50 per hr of extra turnout*) – based on availability. We recommend a leather or breakaway halter for safety reasons. There is no additional use of, or riding in the turnout pens. If not being used, you are welcome to use the round pen to lunge your horse in, or turn out your horse (only if you are on the property for the duration of).

We ask for no turnouts in the riding arenas. This will help protect our footing, and ensure safety of your horse as well. The indoor footing has been recently redone from the base up and we try our hardest to keep it maintained. Only trainers will be allowed to lunge horses in certain circumstances in the indoor arena. Please pick up any manure after your ride so we can keep the ring as clean as possible. Additionally, please pick your horses feet when leaving the ring. Put away any cones, poles, etc you use in arenas and round pens. Only trainers are allowed to set jumps for horses when free jumping or lunging over.

There is a washing machine and dryer available for use. Items are limited to pads, polo wraps, light sheets, towels, etc. No blankets or large items allowed. Items must be brushed off of mud and horse hair prior to washing. Please provide your own detergent or use your trainers. Little Raven does not guarantee to keep stock. Also pick up your completed laundry within 24 hours. No hanging items on the front walkway to barn to dry. Not only does this look unsightly, but it tends to spook horses walking by. Find an area by outdoor washrack or side of barn please if needed.

We like to keep the stall run windows and doors open as much as possible, but if the weather gets below a certain temperature, or too windy, we will close them up as needed to keep the barn at a consistent temperature for the horses. We will turn the heat on in the indoor arena for riding, and as needed throughout the barn but they will not be kept running throughout the day or night. This helps us keep your boarding costs down, and also allows the horses to not have to go from extreme warmth to cold during turnout hours. Their blankets can stay on as needed inside the barn.

We have a general system for blanketing your horse. The temperature chart will be displayed and which level of blankets we recommend and will be using. Please provide sheets/blankets that your horse can get turned out in and wet, and make sure they are fitted and have back leg straps. We have found that a sheet, medium blanket and heavy blanket are more than enough for your horse. Blankets must be labeled with the correct tape and ideally have your name on them as well. They should be fitted to your horse, be waterproof and have back leg straps. We reserve the right to not turn your horse out, or turn them out naked if correct wear is not provided.

In addition to that, you will need to provide a blanket bag. This helps not only to protect your blankets and keep them clean, but to create a nicer look for the barn aisle. We appreciate your help with this. If your horse is destructive to your blanket bag, you will need to store your blankets inside your trunk outside of the stall. If you need additional storage space other than your locker and tack trunk, you are allowed one closed container above your locker area; anything else, please store at home. Outside boarders are asked to keep their blankets and tack in the outside boarder shed, however if there is room in the lounge, we offer inside storage for \$35/month.

General Reminders: Please label your equipment. We have a lost and found in the tool room that found items will be placed in. These items will be donated at the end of the month if not accounted for.

Tack trunks in aisle must have their latches closed after use. Please clean the outside of them periodically. Trunk covers must be able to close or zip shut, and also must be cleaned as needed to keep them looking nice.

No horses left unattended. Check that stall doors and gates are shut completely.

Do not handle other horses or borrow equipment without permission.

Clean after yourself in the break room. Food items will be cleaned out weekly unless marked with name/date. Please bring a water bottle to fill from the water dispenser so we can limit the use of plastic ones.

Barn address and phone numbers are listed outside office door if needed.

Make sure to read and understand our rules that are posted and also sent with the boarding paperwork. We strive to keep Little Raven a clean and organized facility, as well as safe for the humans and horses and appreciate your help with this!



Hope this helps give you a general overview and helps to answer any questions in advance.

Again, thank you for boarding with us here and feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions at any time!! We look forward to having you at Little Raven Ranch!