



YARD RULES & SERVICE GUIDELINES

The following document is a complimentary document alongside the **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** Service Contract. In this document, you will find detailed guidelines on the services offered by **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** as well as general guidelines on yard rules and expectations.

Please note that the premises of **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** is a private family yard with accommodation on site. Therefore some areas of the premises need to have respected privacy and/or may be off limits. Please see attached land layout for an idea of no-go areas and where to be mindful of privacy.

BARNES EQUESTRIAN MISSION STATEMENT

BARNES EQUESTRIAN aims to provide quality services that put the welfare of the horse first. Horses aren't a job, they are a passion! **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** is a business set out on passion for these magnificent animals and it is our belief that you don't rush horses. **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** was founded on the premise that in an industry where horses are produced and rushed for financial and personal gain, there needs to be more focus on putting the horse first. This is something we are proud of.

YARD RULES

Yard rules must be abided by at all times. Failure to do so can result in termination of contract.

- Please respect the privacy of the house and no-go areas.
- Horses feet must be picked out before leaving the stable.
- Tools go back where they belong.
- Keep front gates closed at all times.
- Tidy any mess on the yard resulting from your activities there.
- Keep cars parked out of paths to and from horse areas.
- Please use bins provided if needed.
- Clean up spillages on way to the muck heap.

- Reel hoses up after use.
- Ensure lights are turned off after use.
- Muck heap should be forked up, levelled and kept tidy.
- Helmets MUST be worn at all times when on horseback.
- Appropriate footwear MUST be worn at all times.
- Be respectful to others on the yard - Keep the yard dynamic balanced and keep personal conflicts off the yard.*
- Bullying is never acceptable.
- Not everyone will do things your way, please respect everyone's differing ways.
- Personal belongings are left on the property at the owners own risk.
- Cars are parked at the owners own risk.
- I understand that riding is a risk sport.

*While we are all aware that not everyone will get along happily at all times, it's important to remember that the yard on **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** is relatively small. Please ensure that if you have heat with someone else on the yard, don't agitate the atmosphere. **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** is a small privately run and friendly yard. If anyone is caught singling someone else out or found to be taking shots at them via social media, it will be considered bullying and the livery contract may be terminated.

WHATS INCLUDED IN LIVERY AT BARNES EQUESTRIAN?

In all livery types, veterinary, farriery, and other third party services are at the expense of the horse owner and not **BARNES EQUESTRIAN**. Worming and feeds and supplements are also at the expense of the horse owner.

Ad-lib Hay is included and one bale of shavings per week is also included in FULL LIVERY. Additional bales are at the expense of the horse owner. Part of DIY liveries will get ad-lib hay but bedding costs are at the owners expense.

A standard yard feed for FULL LIVERIES *may** be provided if owners wish to avail of it. This consists of Red Mills Simply Natural mix and soaked beet pulp.

**Feel free to enquire if this is currently being implemented. Feed may be subject to change.*

As the horse owner, you can visit at any time during the opening hours of 8am - 8pm. You do not need to arrange this in advance. **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** believes in transparency in business and therefore we understand the importance of knowing you're getting exactly what you pay for.

BARNES EQUESTRIAN holds itself to the highest standard of care and we understand that sometimes you'd like to arrive see how we work at in order to ensure those standards are being kept. It is important to know that your horse is being treated accordingly.

USE OF FACILITIES AND WHAT THEY ARE

Paddocked fields for turnout. A paddock will be assigned to your horse and the horse will stay in that paddock.

Arena, all-weather turnout paddock* and assigned paddock in field are all available to you freely. There will be no 24/7 turnout unless otherwise agreed. Hay shed and secure tack room are also on-site. Only liveries know the code to the tack room and **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** reserve the right to change the code as is seen fit. All tack stored in the tack room is left at your own risk. Finances pending, I aim to install tighter security measures around the yard including security for the tack room.

Yard tools are available from the hay shed and wheelbarrows are parked at the end of the stables. Each stable has its own hoof pick, saddle rack, bridle hook and rug box, please use them.

**All weather turn out paddock will be implemented in the near future.*

FULL LIVERY

Full Livery is where the day-to-day care is provided by **BARNES EQUESTRIAN**. This includes duties such as feeding, mucking out, turning out and bringing in, picking out feet and rug changes. Full Livery is 7 days a week. In Full Livery, **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** does not partake in exercising horses unless otherwise agreed and arranged. Additional services are paid for and arranged by the horse owner at their own expense unless otherwise agreed upon with **BARNES EQUESTRIAN**.

PART LIVERY

Part Livery is where *most* of the care is provided by **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** apart from 1-3 days whereby the horse owner can take on the care of the horse themselves. Part Livery is useful for those who wish to be hands on when they can but who work full hours. An example of part livery may be as follows: **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** take responsibility for the care of the horse Monday - Friday and the horse owner takes responsibility Saturday and Sunday. During the agreed upon days, **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** will provide full care of the horse. **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** does not partake in exercising horses unless otherwise agreed upon and arranged. Additional services are

paid for and arranged by the horse owner at their own expense unless otherwise agreed upon with **BARNES EQUESTRIAN**.

When you as the horse owner are on your days on, morning and evening feeds can be taken care of by **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** to ensure the yard is fed at the same time, otherwise standard care duties such as haying, mucking out and turn out are at the responsibility of the horse owner.

SCHOOLING LIVERY

In Schooling Livery the day-to-day care of the horse is provided by **BARNES EQUESTRIAN**. This includes duties such as feeding, mucking out, turning out and bringing in, picking out feet and rug changes. As well as this, **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** will take on the responsibility of riding the horse 5 times a week in schooling sessions. In these sessions, problems will be worked on or general improvement of the horses ability or way of going will be the motivation to the session. This will include sessions in the arena, fields or on-road hacking.

Owners are encouraged to visit in order to see the progress of the horse and even ride the horse in order to find other problematic areas to work on. If you intend to ride, please arrange and day and time beforehand. This is to ensure that days **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** work with the horse don't collide with when you want to work with the horse and to allow you to get the most of what you pay for.

Sometimes it is of benefit to the horse to get out and about. This might be to shows or schooling in other arenas and being exposed to new surroundings or atmospheres. In these events, the horse owner will be responsible for the expense of hiring the facilities and a contribution towards fuel costs. Such visits will be arranged with the owner or the owner may feel free to ask **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** for their thoughts.

BARNES EQUESTRIAN will always work with horses as though they are our own. Rushing horses and overexposing them to certain elements can be counterproductive. Sometimes with young horses in particular it's important to consider the rate of progression and their physical frame. **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** will not rush a horse beyond its ability for financial gain and will always put the horse first.

EXERCISE LIVERY

Exercise Livery has all the benefits of Full Livery but the horse can be exercised in 30 minute sessions on the day(s) of your choice for a fee of €5 per session.

BREAKING LIVERY

In breaking livery, the day-to-day care of the horse is provided by **BARNES EQUESTRIAN**. All duties are taken care of for you. With **BARNES EQUESTRIAN**, we don't commit to having a horse broken within an 8 week period. As is the nature of horses, some horses may be taken less than 8 weeks, others will take longer. As with our own beliefs, we will work at the pace your horse is happy with. It's important to focus on producing the horse physically and mentally. Rushing a horse in these early days can leave long lasting negative effects on the horse's mind. **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** reserve the right to refuse continued work with a horse if an owner's demands are at odds with the work philosophy we strive for.

DIY LIVERY

In DIY livery the horse owner effectively takes the bulk of control themselves. This includes mucking out, turning out, feeding etc. The owner will be required to maintain the standard set by the yard. Feed and bedding are at the owner's own expense. Assistance can be given at an extra cost.

Please Note: *The stables on the yard at **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** must be kept to a minimum standard of cleanliness. This includes the amount of bedding being used. On your days 'on duty' it is expected that you keep up with this level of cleanliness and maintain the high standards sought by the yard.*

SALES LIVERY

Sales livery at **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** has all the benefits of schooling livery with outings. Sales livery has a weekly livery cost at the expense of the owner followed by 10% of the sale price of the horse. The horse will be advertised by **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** and all stress and worry of the sale is undertaken by us.

SPORTZ VIBE RUG SESSIONS

Sessions with the Sportz Vibe rug can be arranged at a cost of €10 per 20 minute session. If this is of interest, please enquire and arrange a session with the yard staff. All sessions will be supervised by the **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** team.

COACHING SESSIONS

BARNES EQUESTRIAN is fortunate enough to have two qualified instructors on site in the yard. Coaching sessions may be arranged at a time that suits both sides. Session costs and duration are determined by the coach of your choice. Please contact for more information.

HAY WASTAGE

At **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** we have a policy of ad-lib hay. We want the horses on the yard to always have access to food. This is good for the horse as a boredom breaker and also for its health and digestive system. When feeding ad-lib hay at night for example, a large amount of hay may be put into the stable. Sometimes this results in the horse walking it around the stable and in the process dirtying the hay making it undesirable as a food source. This results in hay going on the muck heap and thus being wasted.

If your horse is deemed to be wasting hay, you may be asked to feed hay from a haynet. We also realise this may be undesirable for you as the horse owner as you may have concerns about musculature developing unevenly. Therefore if you are asked about changing hay arrangements and haynets do not suit, it is your responsibility as horse owner to find an alternative feeding arrangement such as a hay bar. Until one is sorted you may be required to feed from a haynet in the meantime or face a charge of an extra €10 per week to cover the wasted hay costs.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

At **BARNES EQUESTRIAN** we make every effort to make sure property and facilities are kept in good condition and are quickly repaired when needed. In the event of a customer breaking something beyond normal wear and tear, you will be expected to replace the item. For example, yard shavings forks.

The stables themselves are made of wood and the walls dividing the stables are made of wooden sheets. Should your horse damage the inside walls they will need replaced. If your horse kicks holes into the walls or damages them, you will be expected to pay the costs of repair. You will receive an invoice for the parts and be expected to pay a €5 labour cost. Failure to do so may result in termination of contract.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Within the first month of the contract commencement date, either party in the agreement can terminate the contract at as little as 1 weeks notice. For periods over a month, it is expected for either side to give 4 weeks notice.

When terminating the contract, please respect the notice period. While no reason has to be given for termination of contract it is desirable to be transparent in such cases. The yard retains the right to terminate the contract due to repeat breaking of the rules or failure to pay outstanding fees. The yard retains the right to keep the clients horse in the yard until all debts are cleared.

Prior to departure, all outstanding fees must be paid for in full and no horse will be permitted to leave the premises until all accounts are cleared.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

I hereby declare I have read this document in it's entirety and accept all rules and terms set out by it. I sign this understanding the document in full.

Customer Signature

Signed: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____