

Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding, Inc.  
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Barn Guidelines:

**DO NOT** bring your household pets with you to the barn or you will be asked to leave

Do not park or drive up past the wooden split rail fence, if your car leaks fluids, park it in the stone lot

Do not block driveway, garage, and barn door or arena gates

Drive slowly, or suffer the wrath of Sue (Kids and pets at play maximum 10 mph)

Do not honk your horn

Helmets must be worn at all times while riding. This rule will be strictly enforced on all riders under the age of 18; Stepping Stones riders (students, volunteers, & instructors) must wear helmets at all times

During the winter month's door to the arena and isle must be closed **immediately** after entering or exiting the rest of the year leave them like you find them

When you are finished riding in the indoor arena clean up any horse droppings using a manure rake leaving as much of the rubber behind as possible

Use only Stepping Stones designated equipment and put it back in the same or better condition than when you borrowed it

Check with Sue Barton before using any tack other than that designated for your horse or pony

If you have equipment of your own, a tack box in the upper tack room will be provided for your use, if available

Always use a lead rope to move your horse, not just the halter

All Children must be under direct adult supervision at all times

Horses must face the parking lot while in the cross ties

Never tie or cross tie a horse by the bridle and DO NOT leave the halter hanging on the cross ties. (This is a safety hazard and inconsiderate)

**CAUTION** the horse fences are electrified

Be sure the stall door or pen gate is securely fastened when you put your horse away

Do not hand feed the horses, this encourages biting. Pie pans are available for treats or drop them in their feed tub

Do not reach into the stalls through bars

Do not give treats to or enter stall of any horse other than your own without permission

Stirrups on English saddles should remain 'run up' until you are ready to mount and should be returned to the 'run up' position as soon as you dismount

Do not attempt to feed or pet exotic animals without permission from Jim Barton

Clean up after yourself and sweep the aisle around your crossties. If your horse tracks dirt into the barn, sweep it up or back into arena. If your horse defecates in the aisle, driveway, or parking lot clean it up immediately

If your horse urinates in the aisle get about ½ shovelful of shavings from barn, sprinkle it over wet area and let it soak it up, then sweep it up. Brooms, shovels and a muck bucket are available at the end of the aisle

If you trailer your horse anywhere, clean up the area where they are unloaded and give Sue 3 day's verbal notice. If you will be missing a feeding time leave your grain bucket and hay bag outside the stall door the night before you leave prior to the evening chore time

Saddle racks should remain down when not in use

If you have questions, ask. Most people in the barn are willing to help. Remember, everyone was new here once.

### **Additional Stepping Stones Barn Guidelines:**

Provide your own fly repellent spray for both horse and rider

Stepping Stones pads should be put away neatly. If the pad is wet lay it wet side up and open to dry over the wooden saddle racks. Remember, put it back like you found it, and you should be ok. Stirrups should be left on the saddles they were found on, if you switch them return them when finished

Girths should always be removed, cleaned and hung by the non-elastic ends according to size

Bridles should be hung neatly from the hanger they were found on. The bits should be cleaned, and the throatlatch and noseband should be un-buckled

Grooming boxes should be returned to the shelf they were found on with all brushes cleaned of hair and dirt

Volunteers and visitors **MUST** sign in to the logbook and any exercise or handling of the horses must be logged in the horse exercise book(s)