

**Hippotherapy Contract**  
**CAN-TR at the Laurel Ridge Farm**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CHATHAM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ (effective for one year)

I (Rider/Legal Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ have contracted with CAN-TR at the Laurel Ridge Farm to give (rider's name) \_\_\_\_\_ hippotherapy.

**Rider Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treatment Policy Standard:**

A treatment can be up to 50 minutes in length and is to consist of mounting each client and tack adjustments, exercises while mounted; approximately 40-50 minutes actual mounted time, cool down time, and dismounting. Please note we consider a treatment starting when the client enters the pasture/arena area. The staff has the responsibility of safety for clients, volunteers, and horses at all times, so therefore, staff has the right to deviate from the above treatment outline when safety is a concern.

**Cost**

The cost of Hippotherapy is **\$3900.00 per semester** or **\$650.00/month**.

**Hippotherapy treatment payments are to be paid at the beginning of each month. If payment is not received before the start of each month, the above mentioned rider will be dropped from the semester and returned to the waiting list.**

**Basic Guidelines:**

I understand that it is my responsibility prior to entering the arena to inform CAN-TR and Laurel Ridge of any new medical or physical problems which may impact my safety or ability to perform correctly during my scheduled hippotherapy treatment. I further agree to handle all other questions or suggestions according to CAN-TR policy.

I understand that therapy times are planned and that I need to be on time. If I am late more than 10 minutes from my scheduled time, my mount will be un-tacked, unless I have made prior arrangements. I further understand that even if I am late the time for ending the therapy will remain as scheduled. The only condition for extending a therapy time is if the staff is not present at the scheduled therapy beginning time.

I further accept that only staff has the authority to cancel any lesson. The only considerations for approved cancellation of a lesson are bad weather conditions (heat advisory, thunderstorms, extreme cold, etc.), schedule conflicts with Laurel Ridge and CAN-TR commitments, a client's medical absence with a written doctor's excuse, or a death in the family. Make-up treatments will only be scheduled for the above described lesson cancellations. **All approved make-up treatment scheduling will be at the discretion of CAN-TR and its member farms.**

I understand that proper attire must be worn for hippotherapy which is to be pants, shirt, protective shoes/boots and SEI-ASTM approved riding helmet which fits properly with an attached **chin strap**. A safety helmet will be provided unless the client has his/her own approved safety helmet. A client must wear a helmet whenever horses are present.

I further understand that CAN-TR and its member farms reserve the right to discipline a client in the form of a documented verbal warning for the first offense. Second offense will be a written warning. For third offense, a final written warning will be documented. Some examples of reasons for disciplinary actions: disruption to therapy, behavior problems that are unacceptable or unsafe, sexual comments and conduct, disrespect to staff and/or volunteers, failure to follow program stated policies, rules or instructions, etc.

I further accept that CAN-TR and its member farms reserve the right to release a client due to unsafe situations, physical stress to the client resulting from riding and/or any safety/medical problems that may arise. This type of release from the program will require a prorated refund be issued.

Client's information files will be held in confidentiality and only shared when necessary to assure the safety of a client in the treatment or during an official incident review.

**"WARNING"**

Under North Carolina Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities.

- Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General statutes.

I am aware of the inherent risks of being around horses and mounted on horseback and riding. I further understand that I must be careful while on the property of Laurel Ridge and particularly while horses are being handled. CAN-TR and Laurel Ridge cannot and does not assume any liability for accidents, injury, or death to person or persons. I further have reviewed and understand the content of North Carolina's Liability Law which is posted at pasture/arena entrance gate. Likewise I accept full responsibility for friends and visitors accompanying myself on Laurel Ridge property.

**Program Enrollment Policy:**

Enrollment in the CAN-TR program at the Laurel Ridge site begins upon program's receipt of a fully completed enrollment packet. At that time, the client's name will be put on the present waiting list. Official acceptance into the program will only take place after the client completes an on-site evaluation by the Evaluation Team and the OK is given to complete a program hippotherapy contract.

**Client Goal Setting Policy:**

Laurel Ridge client goal policy is that each client will have a personal set of documented goals, which will be set on a 6-month time frame.

- The goals will be set and documented for each client after the second lesson of a new client.
- In the case of a continuing client, the goals will be set and documented upon each semester in the hippotherapy program.
- Documented clients goals will be located in the client's file.
- Laurel Ridge will be the sole responsible party for setting each client's goals and may use input from the client, volunteers, and parent or guardian and other professionals working with the family in setting the goals for each semester.
- Laurel Ridge is responsible for maintaining the weekly progress record on each client, which will be transferred at the end of each session into the client's file.

**Attorney Fees.** In any litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding by which one party either seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort, or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded its reasonable attorney fees, and costs and expenses incurred.

I the undersigned have read and understand the above contract. In addition, I have received, read and understand the General Conduct Policies and Rules for CAN-TR at the Laurel Ridge site. I agree to abide by this contract and the policies stated in these documents I further understand that if any of the CAN-TR at Laurel Ridge policies or rules are not followed CAN-TR and Laurel Ridge have the right to cancel this contract in full without any refund of moneys remaining for this session.

**ACCEPTED BY:**

Rider/Parent/Guardian:

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness:

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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