

BRIDLEWISE RIDING ACADEMY

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Participant's name _____ Age: _____

Address _____ Birth Date: _____

_____ Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone#: _____

VIRGINIA LAW, CODE OF VIRGINIA

Under Virginia law, Code of Virginia, Chapter 27.5, 3.1-796.130 through 3.1-706.133 , an equine activity sponsor or equine professional shall not be liable for an injury to or death of a participant engaged in an equine activity. A sponsor includes, but is not limited to, a person engaged in equine training, equine boarding, instructing a participant or renting to a participant an equine or equipment for the purpose of riding or driving. As a participant in such equine activities, you are assuming risk involved in riding and being in proximity to these animals. Risks that are inherent in equine activities include, but are not limited to, (I) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury or death to the participant (bucking, biting, kicking, striking, shying, running, rearing, stumbling, falling, stepping on, etc.); (II) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons, animals, etc.; (III) hazards such as surfaces and surface conditions; (IV) collision with the other equines, animals or objects; and (V) the potential of a participant or others to act in a negligent manner that may cause or contribute to injury to the participant or others such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within such person's ability.

RELEASE, WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Read carefully and completely

I understand that equines are powerful, unpredictable and potentially dangerous, and I assume all of the risks that are involved in riding and being in proximity to them. In doing so, I knowingly execute this waiver of any rights to sue or make claim against Melinda Sorenson of Bridlewise Riding Academy, her assistants, and/or employees, the stable, property, land and facilities owner (or owners) whereon the equine activities are conducted, for any and all injuries that I might incur by participating in this activity, including permanent disability or death. I understand that this RELEASE, WAIVER, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK shall prevent me, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin from pursuing and claim or action arising out of these activities.

In accepting full responsibility for my own safety in equine activities, I have been advised to wear proper safety headgear while engaged in such activities.

Also, pictures are sometimes taken and used for advertising purposes. I fully accept that these pictures may be used and published on the web, flyers, and other types of advertising.

Date

Signature

Signature of parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18