

## **WPF Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are the borders like?**

Boarders range in age and have a variety of skill levels and interests. Most focus on dressage, three day events, and youth programs. Members have horses in training and/or take weekly lessons with Zoe Flannery. While the barn is goal-oriented and training focused, members also enjoy regular hacks on the wooded trails and take time to enjoy their horses. There are clinics and educational events hosted at the barn. We have jump days, BBQs, and game days.

### **What are the barn hours?**

Clients of WPF are welcome 24/7, 365 days a year to ride and care for their horses.

Guest hours (those who do not routinely help care for your horse) are 10AM-7PM daily.

Owner Zoe Flannery takes Monday and Wednesdays as personal days, and is only available for life or death emergencies during those days. Clients are welcome to text or email her with non-emergency questions and she will respond the following day.

### **Does Wide Pine Farm offer lessons, summer camps or pony parties?**

We do offer lessons, training, and school-horse lessons for dressage and balanced seat riders of all ages. We do not offer trail rides, camps, or parties.

### **As a Co-op member what am I in charge of doing for myself?**

Members are expected to do one daily barn duty, clean their own stall or coordinate with other members to share stall cleaning duties, and one weekly barn duty. Other Co-op members are often willing to help on days you aren't available as long as you return the favor. Members are required to coordinate coverage of all barn duties on Mondays, including the regular board horse's stalls.

### **Do I pay for my own hay and grain?**

Yes. All borders are billed for the actual number of round bales and bags of grain they use each month. Round bales ensure we are able to keep forage available 24/7. Owners will purchase the style of hay net (large hole, regular hole, slow feed, ultra slow feed) that their horse requires. Each horse will be given a separate area of the grain room and feed bags will be the sole use of each horse to ensure strict billing accuracy.

**I've never paid for my horse's feed before. What is the ballpark cost per month I'll be billed for hay/grain? Will I be up-charged?**

Boarders will not be up-charged for delivery or storage. It is hard to calculate the costs of feed as horses vary so greatly in their needs. Please reach out to us with what your horse currently eats and we can provide you with a good estimate.

For example, our sales horse Sparky in full training will eat one ~\$75 round bale every other month with a slow feed net.

**Where do I keep my tack and other items?**

Each boarder will have one 14' tack locker located adjacent from the stall to store grooming supplies, miscellaneous items and blankets in the off-season. Boarders are encouraged to have a dial style padlock on their locker so emergency supplies can be accessed if the owner is not available. The locked tack room is available for the usual items.

**What is the stall size?**

Every stall is identical and measures 10' x 14' open to a large run-out. Each stall has a v-shaped gossip door for horses that do not kick. Run-out paddocks are made of round pen panels and can be tailor made to accommodate larger or smaller spaces easily.

**Do I need to use a specific vet or farrier at Wide Pine Farm?**

No, you are welcome to bring in any vet or farrier you would like. Usually Co-op members let others know when they are having a vet or farrier come to the barn so that others can add on and reduce trip costs as much as possible.

**Will my horse get too fat on free-choice hay?**

Highly unlikely. However, there is a transition period for about a week where horses, not accustomed to free choice hay, will eat a little extra (hardly believing their good luck). We have found that each horse will naturally drop down to the documented 10-14 hrs per day. Even our miniature horses have maintained excellent body scores while on free-choice. Owners of easy keepers should choose a slow-feed style net.

### **I don't want my horse on free-choice hay, or round bales, is there another option?**

Free-choice hay is a central pillar of our feeding and care program. However, this does not mean horses should not have nets that can slow their consumption as needed. In addition, we are happy to use separate hay or more restrictive feeding nets, as long as they are regularly supplied. However, all hay will be loaded into the large paddock hay feeders unless a horse requires stall rest for medical reasons.

### **Why can't my horse be turned out in the large fields around the facility?**

Fields adjacent to the indoor are privately owned by Zoe and Kelvin Flannery and are for the sole use of their breeding program- they are also under a different insurance coverage. The turnout offered to boarders is 24/7 access to a large run-out. As we continue to clear land, additional group turnout options may become available in the future. We understand some horses require group turnout, and in this case boarders may either combine adjacent paddocks with others, or decide WPF is not the right match for their horse.

### **I have a stallion, can I board him?**

Yes. Socialized stallions are allowed. It is your sole responsibility to plan your ride times around others if your stallion requires a specific working environment.

### **My horse cribs, can I still board?**

Because we take in young horses for training and sales, cribbers or fence chewers must be effectively managed by muzzles, collars, or satiated by having access to free choice hay (which is a cornerstone of the Wide Pine Farm management practice).

### **What shots do I need?**

Provide proof of current (within one year) rabies and a negative Coggins test, as well as proof of Flu/Rhino vaccines within 6 months (photocopy is acceptable). Wide Pine Farm recommends the following vaccines: tetanus, EEE, WEE, Potomac Horse Fever, and East/West Nile.

### **What about fly control?**

Owners may purchase automatic fly sprayers as well as participate in bulk orders of refill canisters for each stall. The Automatic sprayer unit will remain the property of the horse owner.

**May I leave my trailer at the farm?**

Yes, you may leave your trailer if space is available. You will need to sign a release of liability for the parking space, protecting the farm from liability, theft, or acts of god, etc.

**I might need to do Regular Board during certain parts of the year but Co-Op works for me in the summer. May I change from one to the other as needed?**

Yes. If 30 days notice is given, you may pro-rate your board type at the daily rate to reflect the change in service dates.