

Youth Name _____ (*under 18 years of age*)

UCONN DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE WINTER RIDING PRACTICUM YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

As a youth participant in the UConn Department of Animal Science Summer Riding Program, I agree to the following Code of Conduct.

I will:

- ❖ Participate fully and cooperatively in the winter riding program.
- ❖ Abide by all rules, guidelines (including all COVID safety guidelines) set by the Department of Animal Science.
- ❖ Be responsible for my own behavior and conduct myself in a manner that is appropriate and respectful to fellow winter riding program participants, staff, and the personal property of others at all times.
- ❖ Follow all program instructions and schedules.
- ❖ Display a positive attitude and good sportsmanship.
- ❖ Wear attire that is appropriate and suitable for summer riding activities.
- ❖ Not possess, offer, or use alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, fireworks or tobacco while participating in any winter riding activity.
- ❖ Not carry or use any weapons while participating in any summer riding activity.
- ❖ Remain within the assigned program boundaries at all times, unless I have permission from the instructor or teaching assistant.
- ❖ Understand that I will be released at the scheduled program ending time, unless I designate an alternate release time and my parent/guardian provides such authorization to the program coordinator in writing.
- ❖ Understand that UConn Department of Animal Science horses are handled, ridden or shown at my risk.
- ❖ Promote a spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of individuals from all backgrounds, and refrain from behaviors that discriminate against other people.
- ❖ Access and operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in compliance with laws, rules of the UConn Department of Animal Science, and general safety practices.
- ❖ Not engage in behaviors which include and are not limited to true threat, actual physical assault, abuse or actions which cause physical or emotional harm. This harassing behavior may also include bullying which means repeated use of written, oral or electronic communication or physical acts or gestures directed at another individual.
- ❖ Understand that in the event of any declared state or local emergency, my riding instructor, teaching assistant and/or barn staff will follow UConn, State of Connecticut and/or municipal guidance as directed.

Youth Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct

I, _____ have read and understand the Code of Conduct and promise to follow and abide by the Code as stated above.

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct

I have read the above Code of Conduct and will encourage my child/ward to abide by them. I acknowledge that I am personally responsible for my child's behavior while at any UConn Department of Animal Science event or program. I expect that if my child/ward breaks the Code of Conduct or becomes disruptive and the riding instructor/teaching assistant find it necessary to dismiss my child/ward from the program, that I am responsible for my child's transportation home. I also understand that any dismissal from the UConn Department of Animal Science summer riding program for disciplinary reasons may not result in a refund. In the event my child/ward is detained by any legal authority, I expressly give my permission for a riding instructor/teaching assistant or UConn barn staff member to remain with my child/ward until I can be present. I agree to use my best efforts to arrive as soon as possible upon being notified of such detainment.

I will complete and submit all requested UConn Department of Animal Science summer riding program documents within the required timeline. I will also provide the UConn Department of Animal Science with up-to-date emergency contact information.

I would like to receive notifications from UConn Department of Animal Science by text.

Cell Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Provider (needed) _____