

## ROADS END FARM EAGALA SAFETY INFORMATION

### These are important things to know to keep yourself safe in the space with the horses:

- Helmets are not necessary when working with horses on the ground, however if you wish to wear a helmet then a standard bike helmet is appropriate.
- If a parent/guardian would like their child, under age 12, to wear a helmet we will ensure the child wears the helmet throughout the time with the horses.
- Closed toe shoes must be worn at all times with the horses. It is very common to have a horse accidentally step on your feet. Shoes that have good protection over the toes will greatly reduce the chance of injury if this happens. If you attend your session with open toe shoes (sandals, clogs, flip flops) then work cannot take place with the horses.
- Long pants are highly recommended. This is helpful for protection against scrapes, but also very helpful for protection against bugs. Horses attract horse flies. Biting horse flies are quite painful and distracting for people. Please feel free to wear/bring bug spray. It is also helpful to spray your clothing as horse flies can bite through clothing.
- Horses cannot see directly behind themselves. If a horse does not know you are approaching them from the back they may kick out in surprise. When moving behind a horse it is best to stay about 2 or 3 feet away from the hind end.
- Our horses are playful and curious. They may take objects that you hand them, and will take them with their teeth. They do not bite in aggression, but please be aware that horses have very strong jaws and even when taking something from you politely, they may cause injury if your hand is pinched in their teeth.
- Please keep in mind that the arena dirt, and occasional horse manure, can leave stains on clothing and shoes. Please wear clothing/shoes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- Please do not bring treats for the horses. We do not feed them treats during session as it causes behaviour problems to happen.

**We thank you for your attention to these important requests!**

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