

Steps in Boarding Your Horse at the ABAC Stables

1. Make sure you meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

- Admitted and enrolled full-time (minimum 12 credit hours per semester) at ABAC.
- Maintain a 2.25 overall GPA.

2. Acquire a boarding lease agreement.

- Contact the ABAC Stables Manager:

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3. Read, understand, complete, and sign the boarding lease agreement.

4. Return the completed boarding lease agreement to Dr. Katheryn Cerny.

5. Once you have submitted your completed boarding lease agreement and a stall becomes available, you will be contacted by the School. At that time, you will need to provide the following before you will be assigned a stall:

- a) Proof of ABAC enrollment (full-time, minimum 12 credit hours) and minimum overall GPA (2.25).
- b) \$100 deposit (Check made payable to ABAC).
- c) Up-to-date vaccination records and negative Coggins (see "Animal Health Requirements" in the boarding lease agreement).
- d) Photo of yourself and the horse to be boarded (for identification purposes).

*****All paper work must be submitted before a stall will be assigned to you.***

ABAC Stables

Horse Boarding Lease Agreement

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Local Address: _____

Local Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Permanent Home Phone: _____

Name of Horse: _____

Mare: _____ Gelding: _____

(NOTE: Attach a photo of yourself and your horse for identification purposes)

Name and Contact Information of Two References (who can provide knowledge of your ability to use and manage horses)

1. _____

2. _____

Names and Contact Information of Two Emergency Contacts

1. _____

2. _____

Veterinarian Contact Information (In case of an emergency)

Farrier Contact Information

Trailer Parking Needed

Yes_____ No_____

Warning

Under Georgia 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 from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Animal Health Requirements

- 1) All horses are required to be up-to-date on **ALL** vaccinations (listed below) and a current negative Coggins test prior to their arrival on campus and during the boarding lease agreement period.
 - a) **Failure to stay current on vaccinations and Coggins test will result in immediate dismissal from the ABAC Stables and forfeiture of all boarding fees and deposit.**
 - b) Proof of current vaccinations and negative Coggins test (obtained within the past 12 months prior to start date of the boarding lease agreement) is required from a licensed veterinarian. A receipt or letter from your veterinarian is needed.
- 2) Vaccinations Required
 - a) Strangles (required every 12 months)
 - b) Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (required every 12 months, recommend every 6 months)
 - c) Tetanus (required every 12 months)
 - d) Rabies (required every 12 months)
 - e) West Nile virus (required every 12 months, recommend every 6 months)
 - f) Rhinopneumonitis (required every 6 months)
 - g) Influenza (required every 6 months)

ABAC Stables Rules and Care/Management Requirements

- 1) The boarding of horses at ABAC is a student earned privilege, **NOT** a right.
- 2) Students must maintain a minimum **overall GPA of 2.25** and be enrolled in a minimum of **12 credit hours per semester (6 credit hours during summer)**. Students who **do not** maintain the minimum overall GPA will be dismissed from the stable.
- 3) ABAC and its representatives are not liable for any sickness, disease, theft, death, or injury which may be suffered by the horse or any other cause of action whatsoever arising out of being connected in any way with the boarding of the student's horse. This includes, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and damage or loss of personal property the student (horse owner) may receive on ABAC property.
- 4) ABAC is not responsible for loss of hay or personal property stored at the ABAC Stables. Students (owners) are encouraged to keep their trailers locked at all times. Students (owners) are encouraged to report theft to the barn manager and fill out a police report with the campus police.
- 5) The student (owner) and their guest riders must sign an injury waiver form **prior to riding**. Contact the barn manager for waiver forms.
- 6) Each student is allowed to board only **one** horse. The barn manager must be notified if the student wishes to board a different horse other than the one currently being boarded (or approved to board) at least one week prior to that horse's arrival. Under **no** circumstances are stalls allowed to be sublet.
- 7) Only horses owned by ABAC students are allowed to be boarded.
- 8) One horse will be assigned to each stall. No sharing of stalls is allowed.
- 9) All horses not broke to ride will not be allowed to board. The ABAC Stables is not a starting facility.
- 10) Stall and pasture space will be assigned by the ABAC Stables Manager. Students will **not** move horses without prior approval of the ABAC Stables Manager. Horses are allowed in designated pastures only.
- 11) The ABAC Stables Manager will assign trailer parking. All trailers must be parked in designated areas at all times. No trailer hookups (electric) will be provided.
- 12) The ABAC Stables is a self-care facility. It is the responsibility of the student (owner) to feed and maintain their horse daily. This includes providing, on a daily basis, hay, water, milled diet, minerals, stall bedding, and stall cleaning. No horses should be left in a stall without bedding for any amount of time. Failure to properly care for a horse is negligent and could result in immediate dismissal (within 24 hours).
- 13) Anyone directed to seek veterinary care for a horse must do so at his/her own expense within the time frame designated by the barn manager.
- 14) All horses must maintain a minimum body condition score of a 4 (on the Henneke scale) as determined by the barn manager.
- 15) Horses should have a minimum of two, five-gallon buckets of fresh, clean water in stalls at all times. If the barn manager asks the student (owner) to provide additional buckets, you are expected to do so immediately (within 24 hours).
- 16) The student (owner) is responsible for keeping the inside and outside area of their stall clean daily. This includes cleaning the inside of stall, as well as, raking and disposing of hay/waste that accumulates in front of stall area. If the horse is not in the stall, the stall should be clean. If a student (owner) is asked to maintain a higher standard, you are expected to do so immediately.
- 17) Wheelbarrows are available for use, but they must be returned to their designated storage area. Boarders should provide their own stall cleaning equipment (forks, shovels).

- 18) In order to keep the boarding fees low, the student (owner) is required to participate in maintenance and cleanup of facilities as requested by the ABAC Stables Manager. This includes clean-up of stables, rodeo arena, pastures, tack/feed rooms, bathrooms, and water troughs.
- 19) Meetings are a mandatory part of boarding, and we expect your presence at them. If the student (owner) does not attend, boarding space in future semesters can be affected.
- 20) The ABAC Stables and rodeo arena have regular visitors and **MUST** be kept clean. All students (owners) are responsible for maintenance and should take pride in the condition of their horse's home. Daily inspections of the area will be made.
- 21) All manure should be disposed of in the manure spreader. Do not toss manure from stalls or trailers on the grass or in parking areas.
- 22) Do not dispose of old and/or moldy hay, trash, or hay strings in the manure spreader. Contact the barn manager for instructions on how to dispose of old and/or moldy hay.
- 23) Stalls must be cleaned and stripped when horses are removed for extended periods of time including Christmas break, spring break, and time between semesters. **A \$100 cleaning fee will be added to the student's account if a stall is left dirty.**
- 24) Feed rooms, tack rooms, and hay trailers must be kept locked at all times.
- 25) All feed must be kept in sealed containers at all times. The Barn Manager reserves the right to dispose of any feed not in a sealed container.
- 26) Nothing can be attached to any building at the ABAC Stables.
- 27) No horse will be left unattended in any pasture, pen, rodeo arena, or area other than their designated stall or pasture.
- 28) No horse will be tied to wood fences or barn support beams. Do not leave horses unattended in crossties.
- 29) No feeding horses hay or grain in pastures without prior approval of barn manager.
- 30) Horses cannot be ridden on streets, sidewalks, athletic fields, around campus buildings, or anywhere inside Perimeter Road (main campus).
- 31) ABAC is a drug-free (including alcohol) and tobacco-free campus.
- 32) Dogs must be kept on a leash in the barn area (inside the 4-board fence). Students (owners) with dogs left running off leash will receive a written warning for each incidence. Dogs belonging to guests are also the responsibility of the student (owner). All students (owners) that bring dogs to the stables are required to pick-up dog waste on a rotating schedule with other dog owners.
- 33) Every effort will be made to contact the student (owner) in the case of a medical emergency; however, the ABAC Stables Manager has the authority to call a veterinarian at the student's (owner) expense, if necessary.
- 34) The ABAC Stables Manager reserves the right to move and separate horses, as needed, for the health and safety of both horses and students.
- 35) The ABAC Stables Manager has the authority to request the removal of a horse and its owner within 24 hours from the stables due to unacceptable care, management, and/or behavior (including cribbing). Unacceptable behavior of a horse is defined as kicking, biting, or danger to other horses, the facilities or people. The determination of whether the horse exhibits such behavior will be left to the discretion of the barn manager.
- 36) Guests are the responsibility of the student boarder. The ABAC Stables Manager has the authority to ask student boarders and their guests to leave in the case of disruptive or undesirable behavior.

- 37) Complaints must go through the proper chain of command – First, the ABAC Stables Manager, then the Dean, School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, if the complaint is not resolved.
- 38) Everyone is asked to refrain from contacting the barn manager on their cell phone unless it is a true emergency. Anyone that has questions they wish to address in person is asked to do so during normal business hours. Anyone needing to voice a non-emergency concern, or that has a question of any kind, is also encouraged to email the barn manager.
- 39) Do not disturb classes/labs that are in progress in the barn area or arenas.
- 40) There are scheduled events that can affect access and routines at the stables and rodeo arena. At times, students will be asked to move trailers, change turnout pastures, and routines. There may be excessive traffic, parking, foot traffic, and noise (that may be disturbing to horses) in conjunction with these events. The rodeo arena may not be available for riding during some of these events as well. Everyone is expected to be cooperative, cordial, and accommodating to the general public for these events.
- 41) Horses that contract a contagious disease or are suspected of having a contagious disease may be asked to leave the premises immediately (within 24 hours) to a quarantine facility until cleared by a veterinarian.
- 42) Horses that are suspected of having or have recently had strangles, must be declared to be non-infectious by a veterinarian (proof of a negative nasal culture) before being allowed on the premises. Any veterinary fee's is at the student's (owner) expense.
- 43) Fans are permitted with the approval of the barn manager and mounted in compliance with management. Fans should have an enclosed motor and approved for outdoor use. Box fans and fans with an open motor are considered a fire hazard. Fans must be unplugged or turned off when the stall is not in use.
- 44) No power strips or extension cords of any type are allowed without prior approval.
- 45) Boarders (owners) and guests cannot provide riding lessons for pay. The ABAC stables is not a lesson barn facility.

Students that fail to follow all of the rules and procedures outlined in this boarding lease agreement will receive a written warning from the barn manager. Written warnings can result in dismissal from boarding.

Boarding Fees

1) Required Deposit

- a) \$100/stall deposit (checks made payable to ABAC)
 - i) Refund, upon request of the boarder, at the end of the boarding lease agreement, provided that the ABAC Stables Manager is satisfied with the condition of the facilities.
 - ii) The deposit **cannot be used in lieu** of boarding rental fees.

2) ABAC Stables Boarding Fees

- a) **Fall Semester:** August 12, 2025 – December 9, 2025
 - i) Boarding Rate: \$700/semester
 - ii) Fall Semester Payment - Due by August 15, 2025. **A \$100 late fee will be applied to the students account if not paid by due date. Failure to pay semester board and late fees by September 15, 2025, will result in immediate dismissal from the ABAC Stables.**
 - iii) Move-In and Move-Out Dates
 - Move-In: On or after August 12, 2025
 - (a) Prior to August 12 will require pre-approval by the ABAC Stables Manager.
 - Move-Out: On or before December 9, 2025.
 - (a) After December 9 will require pre-approval by the ABAC Stables Manager and will require payment of semester break boarding fees.
- b) **Semester Break (Christmas):** December 10, 2025 – January 8, 2026
 - Boarding Rate: \$175.00
 - ii) Payment - Due by December 15, 2025. **A \$100 late fee will be applied to the students account if not paid by due date. Failure to pay board and late fees within 30 days of the due date will result in immediate dismissal from the ABAC Stables.**
- c) **Spring Semester:** January 9, 2026 – May 14, 2026
 - i) Boarding Rate: \$700/semester
 - ii) Spring Semester Payment - Due by January 15, 2026. **A \$100 late fee will be applied to the students account if not paid by due date. Failure to pay semester board and late fees by February 15, 2026, will result in immediate dismissal from the ABAC Stables.**
 - iii) Move-In and Move-Out Dates:
 - Move-In: On or after January 9, 2026
 - (a) Prior to January 9 will require pre-approval by the ABAC Stables Manager along with payment of semester break boarding fees.
 - Move-Out: On or before May 14, 2026.
 - (a) After May 14 will require pre-approval by the ABAC Stables Manager along with payment of summer semester 2026 boarding fees.
- d) **Summer Semester:** May 15, 2026 – August 11, 2026
 - i) Boarding Rate: \$525

- ii) Summer Semester Payment - Due by May 15, 2026. **A \$100 late fee will be applied to the students account if not paid by due date. Failure to pay semester board and late fees by June 15, 2026, will result in immediate dismissal from the ABAC Stables.**
- iii) Move-In and Move-Out Dates
- Move-In: On or after May 15, 2026
(a) Prior to May 15 will require payment for Spring semester fees.
 - Move-Out: On or before August 11, 2026
(a) After August 11, 2026, will require pre-approval by the ABAC Stables Manager along with payment of fall semester 2026 boarding fees.
- iv) Boarders are required to be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during the summer semester and also enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the following fall semester.

By signing this boarding lease agreement, you agree

- a) to understanding and will follow all the rules and procedures outlined in this boarding lease agreement, and
- b) to pay all boarding fees (and deposit) for the entire lease period at the beginning of each semester (stall lease period is by the semester).

Student's Name (print): _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Name (print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

ABAC Stables Manager:

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Make board checks payable to ABAC and mail to the address below. Credit card payments can be made through the cashier's office at 229-391-4999.

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