



FULL CIRCLE FARM
THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP

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Volunteer Liability Release

For: Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship and Full Circle Farm LLC
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- A. **VOLUNTEER** - As a volunteer for Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship I, and the parent or legal guardian thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in the Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship Program and its Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) and to do so at my own risk. I acknowledge the risks and potential risks of working with horses and that no liability can be or is accepted by any organization, entity or individual concerned. I understand that I may be with and around horses; however, I feel the possible benefits are greater than the risks assumed.
- B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY** - This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the volunteer, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of NH.
- C. **NATURE OF EQUINE SPECIES** (including horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys) herein after referred to as horse(s) - No horse is completely safe. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse it will generally be at a distance of 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider and/or volunteer. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking; rearing; kicking; biting; or running from danger.
- D. **OTHER DANGERS** - Risks also exist in mounting, leading, sidewalking, grooming, tacking, feeding, interacting with, or being in the vicinity of horses. Risks also include being stepped on, abrasions, contusions, trip hazards, allergic reactions, slipping, and falling.
- E. **CONDITIONS OF NATURE** - Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship and Full Circle Farm LLC is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. Some examples are: thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.
- F. **INSPECTION OF PREMISES** - Volunteer has opportunity to and agrees to inspect Full Circle Farm facilities and trails to be satisfied that they are appropriate for the volunteer's safety, as a condition for utilization of Full Circle Farm premises and facilities. Anything believed to be unsafe will not be utilized and will be brought to the immediate attention of the instructor or staff.
- G. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING** - I have been fully warned and advised by Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship that I should wear protective headgear (riding helmet) if and while mounting, riding, and dismounting.

H. LIABILITY RELEASE - In consideration of Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the volunteer, and the parent or guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship, Full Circle Farm LLC, their owners, board of directors, officers, members, staff, instructors, volunteers, employees, management, premises owners, affiliated organizations or persons, and insurers, from legal liability due ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demand, legal actions and causes of action, against Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship, Full Circle Farm LLC, their owners, board of directors, officers, members, staff, instructors, volunteers, employees, management, premises owners, affiliated organizations or persons, and insurers, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of Full Circle Farm, and/or Full Circle Farm Therapeutic Horsemanship.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Name of Adult Volunteer - Please print

SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER

Date

UNDER 18 (Parent or Guardian must sign for volunteer under 18)

Name of Minor Volunteer - Please print

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN - Please print

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Date

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

