



## ED DABNEY Gentle Horsemanship

### **ED DABNEY Gentle Horsemanship, LLC Horse Training Contract**

This agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_ “Owner” and ED DABNEY Gentle Horsemanship, LLC “Trainer”.

In exchange for the sum of \$325 per/week or \$1,300. per/month, ED DABNEY Gentle Horsemanship, LLC agrees to board and perform training for Owner’s horse using natural horsemanship techniques.

1. Training and boarding fees are due and payable at the beginning of the training period, and at 30 day intervals thereafter. Any balance of fees must be paid in full before the horse leaves the training premises.
2. Horses in training will be worked with on a regular basis consistent with their progress and ability.
3. The owner and/or principle rider is welcome to be present, by appointment, for training sessions with their horse. Included in the training program is two hours of instruction for the owner with their horse. Because consistency in the use of cues and directions by the rider is very important to successful horsemanship and since some undesirable behavior traits displayed by a horse are due to improper handling by the rider rather than problems with the horse itself, trainer prefers to work with both horse and rider together for some time toward the end of the training period. Owner is strongly encouraged to use this time to work with the horse and the trainer to reinforce the training program and transfer the exercises, cues and leadership from the trainer to the owner.
4. For the safety of all horses on the premises, Owner will supply ED DABNEY Gentle Horsemanship, LLC with health records showing proof of current negative Coggins, current vaccinations and worming, dental and farrier schedule.
5. Prior to beginning any training program Owner must take the necessary steps to rule out or treat any pain or medical or dental issues which may cause the horse discomfort, affect his balance, or impair his full and normal range of motion.

An examination by an Equine Dentist is imperative. There are many dental complications that can cause a variety of negative responses from a horse. Horse behavior problems could also be a saddle fit, chiropractic or deep muscle pain issue that should also be addressed prior to training. Once any pain or medical issues have been ruled out or successfully treated and the horse is diagnosed as sound and healthy then a training program can begin.

Once the horse is in training with us, if soundness, pain or balance issues become evident, Owner agrees to have the horse examined and treated by an agreed upon equine practitioner or cease the training program. The horse must be sound and pain free to continue the training program.

7. Owner authorizes ED DABNEY Gentle Horsemanship, LLC to obtain all necessary emergency veterinary care to maintain the horse in good health. All non-emergency care needs shall first be approved by Owner. Owner shall pay all such veterinary costs upon receipt.

8. If Owner's horse is boarded after the training period has ended or taken out of training for an extended period due to weather, injury or for any other reason, Owner shall continue to pay all boarding fees.

9. Any special services requested by Owner which are not included in the standard training program shall be billed accordingly, in addition to the monthly training fee.

10. Owner authorizes Trainer to transport horse to other locations for training purposes.

11. Owner agrees to hold harmless ED DABNEY Gentle Horsemanship, LLC, Ed Dabney, his family, employees, landlords, associates, assigns, and heirs from any liability arising from the horse's injury, illness, theft or death while in trainer's possession.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse owner

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth Dabney

Or/

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ed Dabney

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