



# Oakwood Park Agistment

These Rules and information form part of the requirements of your Agistment Contract. They are designed to ensure Oakwood Park is a pleasant place to visit as well as a safe one, and that your horse is looked after as best as possible. Please ensure you are familiar with all the Rules and ensure any visitors you bring to the property also follow them.

## Extra Agistment Services

Help with feeding, rugging, taking in or out from the stable, and mucking out can be arranged by discussing your needs with G & A Starr. A fee will apply which may be covered through either monetary payment or in-kind services such as return care of our own horses on another occasion – this will be negotiated in each instance. Last-minute requests should however be avoided; adding extra horses to our daily chores unexpectedly is not always possible. You are also free to negotiate 'swaps' with other riders if that suits.

If these services are required on a regular basis, a separate weekly fee can be negotiated to cover requirements and included in your Agistment Contract.

Specific extra services you might use:

- With 24 hours advance notice, feeding hay or hard feed you prepare in advance, and/or taking rugs off/putting them on costs \$3.50 per casual occasion (a morning plus a night feed/rug is two occasions).
- The fee is \$5.00 per casual occasion if requested on the day only.
- \$20pw per horse will get him fed and rugged as necessary each weekday, also your horse would be taken in/out of the stable daily as needed. This regular fee/service option can be taken out all year or seasonally (when the weather is changeable, for example) or while you are on holidays. A further surcharge applies for weekend services.
- Manure pick-up from stables daily would be \$5 per day extra.
- Bedding costs if using our bulk sawdust \$5pw extra.
- Indoor Arena Lights usage incurs a charge of \$5 per week, for each week they are used. This is regardless of how many times they are used that week.

## Organic pasture care

Oakwood Park operates on a no-spray, organic soil management basis. We cultivate a variety of 'dung beetles' to manage pasture manure, and have started transition to Natural Sequence Farming which is showing great results to date with pasture improvement. We have light irrigation on all grazing paddocks to maintain pasture cover.

## Bushfire Plans

With Oakwood Park being situated in a Bush Fire district, agistors should observe fire precautions and be aware of fire evacuation plans for the property. G & A Starr are not responsible for the welfare of horses during a bushfire emergency. G & A Starr cannot guarantee they will be able to attend the property or to horses when a bushfire emergency might arise.

## Facilities

Rainwater, tea & coffee and a fridge and microwave are available in the stable complex. A bathroom is available behind the stables at the back of the house, take the right-hand door. Seats for spectators are available at the far end of the arena, and a stereo that can be used while you ride. Children are most welcome.

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## Parking

So that everyone can park comfortably and still leave driveway access for other people, when arriving with a horse float you are asked to turn right on the driveway that goes between the indoor arena and the yards, parking along that strip as close to the indoor arena wall as possible (it will be on your left), and as close the car/float in front as possible. You can then tie your horse to the right side of your float, or use a yard if there is one empty. Other cars will not be using this driveway and should not need to get past you.

If arriving in a car without a float, you may instead drive straight up the main driveway and park in front of the indoor arena – but always make sure you are well out of the way of other cars and not blocking access to the house or stable area. This applies to farriers etc also. You may need to move your car if access to the extra tie-up rails is needed.

## Cleaning:

### Manure, Hay Scraps and Binder Twine

Please do not leave these lying around. You should pick up all your manure, food leftovers, and float or stable sweepings, including from yards, tie-up areas, arena & float parking area in addition to the daily mucking out of stables and yards. Stable corridors are also to be swept. There is a manure bay by the stable door, for collecting all organic waste & sweepings – no litter or binder twine please, there is a rubbish bin in the stable complex for general rubbish or recyclable drink cans. The hayshed at the rear of the arena also has rubbish bins for binder twine. Twine can be deadly if chewed on by horses so please keep your paddocks clear of it also.

### Indoor Arena

You must pick up manure every time you ride. Remember to check the whole arena – it can be hard to see from A what is on the ground at C. Do not ride through manure – scattering it makes it hard to clean and adds to our arena surface maintenance costs, which of course are passed on to you.

### General

All agistors are to keep clean common areas such as the washbay, sink, feed and tack rooms on an as-needs basis. Wash out coffee cups and spoons and turn them upside down to dry. Clean fridge spills. Clear chaff from the sink drain – a rubbish bin is right next to it. Sweep the breezeways regularly.

## Smoking Prohibited

No smoking is allowed in either the arena, the stables, yards or paddocks. It is a serious fire hazard in addition to the health hazard cigarette smoke poses to people and horses.

If you do smoke outside ie car parking areas, please DO NOT DROP YOUR BUTTS on the ground, and DO NOT PLACE THEM IN THE STABLE BINS. Again this is because of the fire hazard, and there is little uglier than cigarette butts lying on the ground. We will not pick them up and will require you to do so. They are best taken home with you as any other personal litter would be.

## Water Salt Content warning

The water provided to horses comes from our dam which is topped up as needed with bore water. Agistors should note that the bore water may have a salt level of between 2,000 and 4,500ppm seasonally and may need to be taken into account if feeding electrolytes. Agistors should also note that like most of the Adelaide Hills, much of the salt content is an iron salt, which may affect iron supplementation dosages also – agistors should always seek veterinary advice about iron supplementation.

## Hay Storage

You can keep moderate quantities of hay or straw (around 20 bales) in the rear hayshed if you choose.

Please ensure you do not buy weed-infested hay. Feeding hay in paddocks should be fed in bins or haynets not directly on the ground.

