



HORSE LEASE FAQ's

FAQ's REGARDING LEASING A HORSE AT SUN PONY RANCH

Q. What is a Horse Lease?

A. A Horse Lease is a Long-Term Lease for the purpose of having one special horse to ride on your own. By leasing a horse, you get a lot of the privileges of owning a horse, like being able to ride on your own schedule and having personal time with the horse. At Sun Pony Ranch, a Horse Lease is almost like owning a horse (at a fraction of the cost), without the responsibilities for food, care, farrier, vet, etc.

Q. How old must I be to lease a horse?

A. A Horse Lease is not based on age, but on your ability to be able to safely catch, saddle, bridle, and ride on your own. We will lease a horse to minors (kids under 18) as long as their parents sign the lease agreement and understand the conditions for approval.

Q. Must I be an Advanced Rider to lease a horse?

A. No, but you must have had enough lessons to be able to ride on your own, safely, without an instructor present. In some cases, if you are younger than 18, but have a parent who has enough horse experience to help you, we will allow the lease if the parent will always be with you.

Q. How much does a Horse Lease cost?

A. Sun Pony Ranch offers 3 different Lease Programs:

1. Horse privileges 2 times per week for \$100 per month
2. Horse privileges 3 times per week for \$150 per month
3. Horse privileges, unlimited number, for \$250 per month

Most people find the twice per week plan to suit their needs for time spent with their horse and time they have available to come out.

When you break it down, the above times/rates are:

- \$100/mo. for 2x/week = 8 to 9 rides = \$11.10 to \$12.50 per ride
- \$150/mo. for 3x/week = 13 to 14 rides = \$10.75 to 11.50 per ride

Therefore, even if you are only able to come out 4 times per month, you are still only paying \$25 each time which is less than any riding stable on an unknown, (and possibly un-fun), horse. And, you still make your own schedule with 'your own horse' and all the benefits of having/building that special relationship. If you do come out more often, you are getting an even more incredible deal!

Q. Can I lease a horse for the Summer only?

A. No. We ask for a 6 month commitment for our long-term leases. Our horses are very valuable to us, and it is not in their best interests to have continually changing leasers. They need to establish a bond with you, as well as vice versa. Also, Summer is our busiest time, when our horses work the hardest. Therefore, we reduce the leases during the Summer.

Q. When can I ride "my horse?"

A. You can ride any time we are not having our Horse Camp, or lessons in the arena. We post the lesson schedule for the week in the barn. If another person is leasing the same horse as you are, you work out times with them.

Q. Can I still take lessons while I am leasing?

A. Yes, but lessons are not included in the lease and they cost extra.

Q. How long do I get to ride when I am here?

A. Most people spend about 1 to 1 ½ hours with their horse each time they come. This includes ground time as well as riding. We don't put a time limit on your riding time as long as you don't overdo it.

Q. Can I ride outside the arena?

A. Yes, if you are approved for that on your lease.