

## Giddy Up Ranch Safety Policy

### Petting Zoo

1. Inspect all fences for sharp edges and defects
2. Shade shall be provided for all animals
3. Animals will be provided clean drinking water
4. Dirty or cloudy water will be replaced immediately
5. Do not allow children to hold or chase the animals
6. Large animals will be separated from those with public access
7. Nursing babies must have a separate pen without public access
8. Petting zoo animals are given a 30 minute break for every 4 hours of work.
9. During the break period, the zoo is to remain empty.
10. Keep the petting zoo free of trash and animal waste at all times

### Ponies and Horses

1. Inspect all saddles and safety harnesses before use
2. Saddles and halters must fit the pony/horse. No loose cinches.
3. Ponies/horses must be either tied to a secure structure or held by a trained Giddy Up Handler to ensure the safety of both the animals and the public
4. Children must be assisted aboard the ponies by a Giddy Up Handler
5. Children 65 pounds and under must be secured by a safety harness
6. Safety belts may pose a danger for heavier riders, so those riders shall not be belted and closely supervised by a trained handler.
7. Ponies/horses must have a clear path. If the path is not clear of obstacles, pedestrians, and traffic, the ride must cease until those items are cleared.
8. A safety area must be provided and restricted to only allow access to riders and parents or guardians.
9. Children/parent or guardian are not allowed to stand behind ponies.
10. Open toe shoes are not allowed in the restricted area
11. Pony areas and path must be free of balloons and/or any other item that may spook the animal.
12. Parents may accompany the child on their walk, but only if it can be done safely.
13. Never leave a child unattended
14. Horses are given a 30 minute break for every 2 hours of work.
15. During the break period, horses will be shaded and hydrated
16. No handler will supervise or lead a child until he/she is trained and capable

Public safety is a priority. Failure to abide by these rules will result in immediate dismissal

# Safety Policy Acknowledgment

\*\*\*By signing this page, I acknowledge I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the Safety Policy provided by Giddy Up Ranch and have received a copy of said policy.\*\*\*

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_