

Half lease agreement between JREC and customer

The half lease program at JREC, gives the customer a chance to go to the next step from weekly lessons. It affords the customer a chance to see how horses fit in their lifestyle. I limit the lease to two years per combination of horse and rider. I am offering this for our customers to get a chance to decide whether or not to purchase their own animal eventually.

A half lease is defined as an agreement where 2 parties split the use of a given horse or pony. Each party is allowed 3 days to have use of said animal (this includes a lesson day) and the horse/pony has one day off each week (this is the norm if you owned the horse). The days are set between the parties ahead of time. Flexibility is determined between the parties. Remember if you **own** a horse/pony and there is inclement weather or a horse is ill, you still have to pay for the board even if you can not ride. A half lease enables an individual to have the extra time with a horse/pony without any initial outlay of cash to purchase it or as long term responsibility.

Even though the lessee's have use of the said animal, it still belongs to JREC and JREC will have the responsibility of continuing care if the horse should be hurt long term. Therefore, I have some very specific rules on the care, and riding of the horse/pony. Please remember that the animal needs to be warmed up and cooled down at the end of the ride with at least 5 minutes of walking. Failing to properly warm up or cool down a horse can result in medical issues. Please make sure that time is divided between the trot and canter. Jumping outside of a lesson is not allowed except for the X a COUPLE of times (this rule for horse owners as well). Also, if you have a friend you want to simply get on the horse and walk it, a helmet and signed release form is mandatory. If you want someone other the lessee to ride the animal, it must be approved by Vicki. The animal should be well groomed and maintain a healthy appearance(trimmed and mane pulled by someone approved by Vicki) , and nice coat because of adequate grooming.

Both parties are responsible for total care of the horse 7 days per week. If the horse gets hurt, needs stall rest and needs daily walking, both parties are to work out a schedule to cover this 7 days per week. Each party should have their own tack unless other arrangements are made (if I have tack for a specific animal, it can be rented for \$25/per month per half lease). Any other needs the animal might

have (such as new blankets, blanket cleaning, first aid supplies, etc.) are to be split between the parties.

The price of the half lease (\$400/mth) includes board, shoes, wormers, annual shots, teeth floating and vet bills. It does not include lessons. They are \$185/mth. (this gives you one lesson per week for the month). One lesson per week is mandatory and not included in the lease fee. It is also mandatory that each half lease customer participates in 5 horse shows per show year(or at least 10 shows between the two, unless someone starts the lease after show season starts, I will be fair). Currently, that cost is approximately \$ 265 per horse show. That is \$60 for trailering your horse there and back, \$60 coaching per show, and \$10 for shavings at a show(these costs are payable to JREC). The fees payable to the show are \$40 for a stall, and approximately \$95 for your classes.

Thirty days' notice by either party will end the lease agreement. I like to have an agreement that each customer will stay with a pony/horse thru the show season. If for some reason that match doesn't work, we try to find another that will work for the remainder of the year.

There is one more element to being a part of James River Equestrian Center. Sportsmanship and comradery are of the utmost importance. All clients need to be courteous and thoughtful to each other and the staff. I pride ourselves in having a "family" feel. We all help each other. We also have a big/little sister program to help the newer students figure out how this all works for them.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms above. The horse/pony I am leasing is _____, starting on _____.
(Horse/pony name) (Date)

(Lessee)

Vicki Phillips/Owner of
James River Equestrian Center