

### **Can I pet or feed the horses I see at the Stables? (Quick answer- No, you cannot touch or feed the horses.. read more...)**

Due to varying allergies, restricted diets, specialized training, and behavioral traits which certain horses exhibit, **you cannot touch the horses and you cannot feed the horses**. We want to keep you and our horses safe and healthy. However, we would love to invite you to visit the stables accompanied by a stables member so you can observe a horse safely with the owner's permission. We encourage you to send us an email if you're interested in a visit/tour, since often times if you walk in unannounced we will not be able to disrupt our/horse's schedule on the spot as we might be down there for a quick workout or on a time crunch to complete our barn chores. You can schedule a visit/tour by emailing us at: [stables@aquiaharbour.org](mailto:stables@aquiaharbour.org) and we will get back to you as soon as possible!

### **Does Aquia Harbour Stables offer boarding, training, shows and/or riding lessons?**

At this time, Aquia Harbour Stables offers the following services:

- Self-care board
- Community events for Aquia Harbour Residents
- Coordinated activities with community organizations
- Arena rentals

If you have an inquiry about a service not covered here, please reach out and we'll try our best to accommodate you or point you in the direction of the nearest accommodations. Here's a list of local barns offering public horsemanship opportunities such as riding lessons, training, and shows: [List of local horse barns](#)

### **Can I volunteer at Aquia Harbour Stables?**

- Volunteer opportunities very occasionally arise at the stables. If you'd like to fill out a form with your contact info, we'll contact you in the event any volunteer opportunities become available at Aquia Stables. You can find the form here: <https://forms.gle/av6zUTDqLQc2FCGu9>
- There are a couple local horse rescues who may be able to accommodate volunteer opportunities more timely, listed here: [List of local horse rescues](#)

### **What's included in self-care board?**

Self care board at Aquia Stables includes the lease of a 12x10 stall and shared use of amenity features (paddock, full size outdoor arena, small indoor arena, round pen, locker storage space, hay/feed storage, hot/cold wash rack, tie stalls, and restroom). Boarders provide all daily care, all feed, all equipment, and all professional services for their horse, and work together as a team to maintain the day-to-day cooperative barn chores.

### **What's the main discipline at Aquia Harbour Stables? What are the riding accommodations?**

There have been dressage, hunter, jumper, western, trail, pleasure, backyard, and companion horses at the stables. The stables currently have a set of jumps and poles available for boarders. The indoor arena has a bluestone base with a lightweight footing with rubber mix. The outdoor arena has sand footing. There are a couple short bridle trails for horse access, and a pathway/paved path that stretches approximately 2 miles in the neighborhood for resident use. Some may not consider this trail riding as it is not traditional private trails through the woods.

### **May boarders choose their own trainer, farrier, and vet?**

Yes, boarders provide all care and schedule all of their preferred professional services at their convenience. (\*due to insurance requirements, trainers/instructors are required to provide their policy to the AHPOA office prior to service).

### **Is there turnout for the horses?**

Boarders have access to dry-lot paddocks for turnout. The paddocks are approximately .4 acre and fenced with safe horse fencing. The paddocks each have a single-size shelter (roof, no walls), a 50 gallon water trough and salt lick tub. There is no grass turnout at this time, however there are open grazing areas available for use when you are on-site.

### **Does someone live on-site at the stables?**

Aquia Harbour Stables is located (at 1200 Aquia Drive) within and owned by Aquia Harbour Property Owner's Association and, as a self care barn, owners come and go at all hours of the day. When boarders leave the facility, the Stables are secured at both ends by an alarmed security gate and there are security cameras throughout the premises to monitor safety.

### **Do I need to worry about neighborhood passerbys accessing my horse?**

The stable gates are armed by security alarm when boarders are not on-site. The paddocks are outside and plenty of neighbors walking, jogging, biking, skating, dog-walking and strolling throughout the neighborhood and around the premises borders. Our neighbors tend to be respectful of the horses, admiring them from a distance, and we provide signage reminding people to not touch/feed the horses. The fences outside are charged with electricity and security cameras are monitored throughout the premises.

### **I would like to board my horse at Aquia Stables- What's next?**

Send an email to: [Stables@aquiaharbour.org](mailto:Stables@aquiaharbour.org) The business office can provide you with the [STABLES LEASE FY23.docx.pdf](#) and [Stables Regulations FY23 Word.docx.pdf](#) documents for you to fill out and return along with a copy of your [liability insurance](#) and your horse's [veterinary record](#) (detailed in the next faq). You may also call the business office with advance notice to prepare these documents for you to pick up/drop off in person, if you prefer. Once the office has received your documents and verified all information, they will guide your next step to boarding at the stables. Aquia Harbour Business Office (1221 Washington Drive): 540-659-3050

### **What are the veterinary requirements to board a horse at Aquia Harbour Stables?**

All horses boarded at Aquia stables are required to have annual vaccinations including: Influenza/Rhino, Eastern/Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE), Tetanus (T), Rabies (R), West Nile Virus (WNV), as well as a fecal indicating low-no shedding/proof of recommended dewormer and a 30-day veterinary health cert indicating the horse is in good health.