



Where Your Horse Comes Home

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING — THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS.

This Release is entered into between **Little Bird Stables, LLC**, a California limited liability company, together with its members, managers, staff, and agents (collectively, the “Stable”), and the undersigned participant, guest, rider, handler, or visitor (“I,” “me,” or the “Undersigned”). In exchange for being permitted to enter the Stable’s premises and to be in, on, or around horses and equine facilities, I agree as follows:

- 1. Assumption of inherent equine risks.** I understand that equine activities are dangerous and that California has not enacted an equine activity liability statute limiting an operator’s liability. I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks inherent in equine activities, meaning dangers or conditions that are an integral part of being in or around horses, including but not limited to: the propensity of a horse to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons around it or to the horse itself, including bucking, biting, bolting, kicking, rearing, spooking, striking, throwing a rider, falling, or stepping on a person; the unpredictability of a horse’s reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or animals; hazards such as surface and subsurface ground conditions, including steep or sloped terrain on the premises; collisions with other horses, objects, or structures; and the inability of any participant to control a horse.
- 2. Assumption of premises and activity risks.** I further assume all risks associated with being present at the Stable, including uneven or sloped ground, arenas, trails throughout the Nellie Gail Ranch community, wash racks, pastures, corrals, gates, equipment, and the presence of other people, horses, and animals.
- 3. Release and waiver.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release, waive, and discharge the Stable from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and legal liability, whether known or unknown, arising from or connected to my presence at the Stable or my participation in any equine activity, including claims based on the Stable’s ordinary negligence. This release does not apply to the Stable’s gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- 4. Hold harmless and indemnification.** I agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Stable from any claim, loss, or expense (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) brought by me or on my behalf, or brought by any person or horse I bring onto the premises, arising from my presence or activities at the Stable.

5. **Helmet policy.** I understand the Stable requires an ASTM/SEI-approved equestrian helmet for any rider under 18 and strongly recommends one for all riders. If I or a minor in my care choose to ride without a helmet where permitted, I expressly assume the added risk of doing so.
6. **Personal property and insurance.** The Stable is not responsible for injury, medical expense, or for lost, damaged, chewed, or stolen personal belongings. I am responsible for my own health, medical, and (if applicable) equine insurance coverage.
7. **California Civil Code §1542 waiver.** I waive the protection of California Civil Code section 1542, which provides: "A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party." I intend this release to cover unknown and unsuspected claims.
8. **Barn Rules.** I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the Little Bird Stables Barn Rules (2026), which are posted at the facility and incorporated into this Release by reference, and I agree to abide by them and by any other rules, notices, or warnings posted by the Stable or by the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association. My signature below constitutes my acknowledgment and acceptance of the Barn Rules; no separate signature on the Rules is required.
9. **Severability and governing law.** This Release is governed by California law. If any provision is held unenforceable, the remainder survives with the unenforceable provision removed or reformed to the minimum extent necessary.
10. **Acknowledgment.** I have read this Release, understand it is a waiver of legal rights, and sign it freely and voluntarily.

PARTICIPANT / GUEST

Signature

Date

Printed name

Address / Phone / Email

PARENT / GUARDIAN — required if the participant is under 18

I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named below. I consent to the minor's participation, agree to all terms above on the minor's and my own behalf, and agree to indemnify and hold the Stable harmless from any claim brought by or on behalf of the minor to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Minor's printed name

Parent / Guardian signature

Date