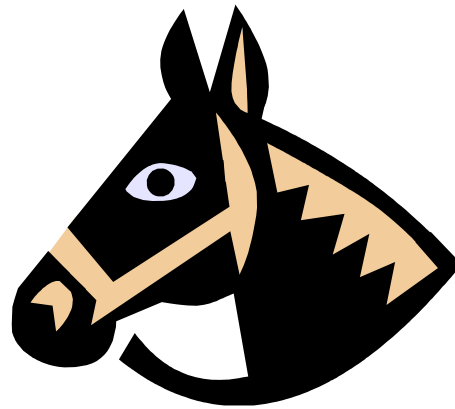


# **BIG FOOT STABLES and RANCH**

**MANUAL, SAFETY RULES**



**Februar 2006**

**Important Phone Numbers:**

**For emergency purposes: Call 911. You are at 1422 Clay Point Road, the number at the barn is 893 2336.**

**Barn Manager: Jessica Ebert 862 3524 (w), 8933821 (h)**

Vets: VT Large Animal: 893 6800; (Burlington Equine: 425 5454)

Farriers: Scott Doner cell: 373 0191, home: 802 290 5698

Former farrier for Walkers: Butch Kimbel: 223 5568

Dentist: Linda Corey: 802 849 2963

Trainers: Becky Train 893 7323

Supplies: Hay Lalumiere: 372 3400

Grain: Guy's Farm and Yard: 878 5112

Jessica Ebert (Barn Manager, Owner of Mista) :

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221 Buff Ledge Road, Colchester VT 05446, [jebert@vt-law.org](mailto:jebert@vt-law.org)

Hope (Owner of Chris): h:1-802 895 4152 PO Box 165, Morgan Ctr VT 5853

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Katrin Moffroid (half-leasing Mista) (802) 864-4435 (home) or (703) 472-7440 (cell) [katrin.moffroid@uvm.edu](mailto:katrin.moffroid@uvm.edu)

David Blow (maintenance, horsemanship and all around support): h: 655 0837, 19 George St. Winooski VT 05404, [Cimerron02@aol.com](mailto:Cimerron02@aol.com)

Former members of Big Foot and still helping out:

Nicole Sicely (Chance and Onyx): 829 Cady Hill Road Cambridge VT 05444, 644-5585 (h) ,324-2477 (c) 655-3333 ext 29 (w) [nicole@condoguy.com](mailto:nicole@condoguy.com)

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Becca 893 2336, cell: 370-9422

Dan (Owner of Big Foot Ranch) over at the house: 893-4911

## Barn Chores:

### Daily Barn Chores AM and PM:

#### AM chores:

- Start with hay: Feed hay in hay bins (on rainy or very hot days) or outside on clean ground in 4 different piles (see feeding schedule),
- Lock in all horses for feeding grain (see feeding schedule).
- Clean "your" water bucket if necessary,
- Fill all water buckets
- Clean Paddock and or stalls of all manure (pick up no less than 1 wheel barrel)
- Open stalls and let horses out when they have finished their grain (Flymasks?)
- Open gate to the pasture (unless it's a very rainy day)
- Empty wheel barrow at manure pile
- Refill "your" stall with shavings if necessary

#### PM Chores:

- Start with hay: Feed hay in hay bins or outside on clean ground in 4 different piles (see feeding schedule),
- Close gate to pasture
- Lock in all horses for feeding grain (see feeding schedule).
- Clean "your" water bucket if necessary,
- Fill all water buckets and the trough outside if necessary
- Clean Stalls (and Paddock until snow starts, then only stalls) of all manure, add shavings to "your" stall if necessary
- Open stalls and let horses out when they have finished their grain
- Empty wheel barrow at manure pile

#### Individual responsibilities/ Your stall:

**Jessica : W.C. stall, garbage removal, bills and feed**

**Resa: Galen's stall**

**Dana: Mista's stall**

**Katrin: Christopher's stall**

**Emilie: Tonka's stall**

Everyone: keep enough shavings in your horse's stall for daily refills

Clean your horse's water bucket **twice a week**

**AM and PM:**

**Always feed hay before grain**

When feeding, please give the horses a general look over to make sure that they are not injured or otherwise ill. If a horse has an injury call the owner and in case of emergency, the vet.

Watch for Christopher: if he is salivating or slobbering significantly, call the vet immediately.

**Please remember:**

Parking is now next to the fence of the red barn.

Be conscious of Dan's privacy, stay on the "horse side" of the property and off the grass.

If riding on private property or dirt roads in and outside of Big Foot Ranch, **clean up your horses poop as a courtesy to the owners/ neighbors.**

**When leaving the barn, please make sure every single time:**

All lights are out

The gas heater is turned off

The fence switch is on

The stalls and the feed stall are all locked

### **Safety Rules**

**Wear appropriate equipment and a helmet whenever you ride**

**Keep children in a safe distance from the horses - children under 14 are not allowed in the barn without their parents**

**No children under 14 are allowed in the paddock or stalls.**

**When kids are in the barn, parents are responsible to keep them at a safe distance from the horses. When allowing anyone - kids or adults - to ride the horses stabled at Big Foot they need to:**

- sign a release and put it in my mailbox PRIOR to the ride**
- wear appropriate footwear and a helmet**
- understand that they ride on their own risk**
- if you are taking them out, it is your responsibility that the above rules are followed.**

### **Notice**

**Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A § 1039.**

Revised **SCHEDULE** starting February 2006

**Schedule Barn Chores:**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
AM	Dana	Resa	Emilie	Dana	Jess	Jess	Jess
PM	Resa	Jess	Resa	Resa	Resa	Emilie	Emilie

**Farrier / Vet/ Deworming log: see calendar**

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS BARN A HAPPY, CLEAN AND SAFE PLACE.

**Big Foot Ranch Liability Release and Acknowledgement of Risk for Boarders, Riders, Visitors (Participants)– PLEASE READ CAREFULLY-**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(Participant) and \_\_\_\_\_(Custodial Parent, if Participant is minor), understand and accept the risks and rules below:

**Risks:** I understand that the handling, use and riding of a horse involves the risk of injury or death, despite all safety precautions. No horse is a completely safe horse. If a horse is frightened or provoked or even without any such reason it may divert from its training and act according to its natural instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing direction or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking or running from danger. These risks exist for any person around a horse, whether mounted or on the ground.

**Acknowledgement of Risks:** I acknowledge the above risks and I voluntarily engage myself (or my minor child) in riding activities at Big Foot Ranch. I understand that I (or my minor child) should not participate in any equine activity unless I am confident that I (or my minor child) can do so safely. Participation in equine activities at Big Foot Ranch constitutes a knowing and voluntary assumption of all risks associated with equine activities, which is a defense under Vermont Law to any claim for injury or damage and a bar to recovery.

**Safety and Helmet Rules:** I understand that I must follow the safety rules of Big Foot Ranch when participating in an equine activity at Big Foot Ranch and that I should wear an approved riding helmet and proper shoe work. I acknowledge that wearing a properly fitted and secured riding helmet while riding, mounting, dismounting and being near horses may reduce the severity of head injuries or prevent death occurring as the result of a fall or other occurrence. I assume all helmet related risks, including but not limited to the risk of injury if I don't wear such helmet.

**Release:** I agree to fully and forever release and hold harmless Big Foot Ranch, its owners, Dan Mendel, Hope Bertelson, Joel Bertelson, Jessica Ebert Edelmann, and agents acting on behalf of or for Big Foot Ranch from any and all liabilities due to injuries, claims, damages, actions or losses, which may arise out of my, my minor child's, or my guest's presence at the equine activity sponsored by Big Foot Ranch. Except in the event of Big Foot Ranch's gross negligence or willful misconduct, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions or litigation against Big Foot Ranch, its owners, Dan Mendel, Hope Bertelson, Joel Bertelson, Jessica Ebert Edelmann, and agents acting on behalf of or for Big Foot Ranch for any economic losses and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death or property damage, sustained by me (or my minor child) in relation to the premises and operations of this stable.

**Misc.:** I agree that this release shall be subject to the laws of the State of Vermont and any dispute relating to this release shall be decided by the courts of the State of Vermont. I agree and hereby waive, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law, the right to a trial by jury and hereby agree, instead to a court trial. In the event any provision of this release shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable by any court, such provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and replaced by a valid provision which approximates as closely as possible the intent of the parties.

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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE LIABILITY RELEASE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant, Date

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Signature of custodial parents (if minor), Date

Address and Phone Number of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_