

HORSE BOARDING FACILITY CHECKLIST

new
MY HORSE



Basic Care & Facilities

- Clean water available 24/7
- Good-quality hay/feed stored properly and provided regularly
- Shelter from sun/wind/rain in paddocks
- Clean, well-ventilated stalls
- Regular stall cleaning (ask how often)
- Secure fencing (no sharp edges, broken boards, or loose wires)
- Safe, clutter-free aisles and walkways



Turnout & Exercise

- Daily turnout (even in winter)
- Safe pasture/paddock space (not overcrowded)
- Shade and shelter in turnout areas
- Group or individual turnout options (ask what your horse would get)



Staff & Caregiver Quality

- Staff is friendly, knowledgeable, and approachable
- Someone lives on-site or checks in daily
- Horses on property appear healthy and content
- Clean tack rooms/feed areas
- Will notify you of injuries or emergencies promptly



Boarding Services Included

- Feeding (hay, grain—how often?)
- Turnout (how often? group or individual?)
- Stall cleaning
- Blanketing (included or extra?)
- Administering medications/supplements (included or extra?)
- Farrier and vet scheduling help



Emergency Preparedness

- Vet and farrier contact info on file
- Emergency transport available (trailer on-site or plan in place)
- Written emergency protocol available



Communication & Community

- Clear communication methods
- Barn rules available and reasonable
- Friendly, drama-free environment
- Opportunities to learn or get help if needed
- Other boarders seem happy and satisfied



Extras (Nice-to-Haves)

- Arena (indoor/outdoor? footing quality?)
- Round pen or longeing area
- Secure tack storage
- Trailer parking
- Lessons or training available on-site