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Kentucky Horse Boarding Contract Package

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CUSTOMIZABLE TEMPLATE | NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This Kentucky-specific template is a general documentation product, not legal advice and not a substitute for advice from a Kentucky lawyer who has reviewed the facility, services, insurance, rules, and chosen contract terms. The research and drafting in this package have not been approved by licensed Kentucky counsel. Adapt all blanks and optional terms to the actual operation before signing.

This package includes a boarding agreement and coordinated schedules and forms. Complete every blank, select only services the facility actually provides, and obtain Kentucky counsel review before relying on any waiver, lien enforcement, sale, abandonment, or end-of-life provision.

Kentucky statutory sources were checked against the Legislative Research Commission online KRS database, which reports enactments through the 2026 Regular Session and an update date of November 5, 2026. The online posting is unofficial; confirm the controlling text and later amendments before use.

KY 000 Customer instructions and package contents

Use one Agreement Package ID on the agreement and every selected attachment. Give each owner, co-owner, responsible payer, participant, and guardian the complete documents they sign.

Package contents

- State boarding agreement and service schedule
- Owner, horse, and emergency intake
- Emergency veterinary and humane treatment authorization
- State risk acknowledgment and release
- State warning and signage instructions
- Nonpayment and statutory lien notice worksheet
- Barn rules, property condition, surveillance, and trailer storage selections

The forms do not decide what services a facility offers. The parties must complete the service schedule and attach the dated rules. Do not leave optional charges or spending limits blank if they are intended to apply.

The facility must provide humane care and comply with applicable animal welfare, veterinary, building, fire, environmental, tax, employment, privacy, licensing, and local zoning requirements. This contract does not replace those duties.

No blank, missed pickup date, unpaid balance, emergency contact entry, or unreturned message transfers ownership of a horse or authorizes a sale, gift, relocation, surrender, or euthanasia.

KY 001 Boarding agreement

Agreement Package ID _____

Facility legal name and address _____

Owner legal name and address _____

Horse registered name and barn name _____

1 Parties and authority

The Facility and the Owner identified above agree to the services and terms selected in this package. Every legal owner and known co-owner must be disclosed and must sign, or a representative must provide written proof of authority to bind each owner. A payer, trainer, lessee, emergency contact, or agent is not an owner or decision-maker merely because the person is listed in this package.

2 Boarding services

The Facility will provide only the services marked and described in the dated Services Schedule. No feed, turnout, stall cleaning, medication, blanketing, handling, training, transport, supervision, or other service is included unless selected in that schedule or added in a writing signed by both parties.

3 Fees and payment

Monthly board is $_____ due on the _____ day of each month. Additional services and charges apply only when their amount or calculation, triggering event, and due date are disclosed in the signed schedule. Any deposit must state how it will be applied and when any balance will be returned. A late charge or returned-payment charge applies only if separately selected and lawful.

Recurring card or bank debits are not authorized by this agreement. Any automatic payment requires a separate signed authorization identifying the amount or calculation, billing dates, and cancellation method.

4 Care and owner duties

The Facility will perform selected services with reasonable care, maintain humane conditions, and provide the food, water, shelter, and sanitation required by applicable law and the selected service plan. The Owner will provide accurate ownership, veterinary, health, medication, behavior, insurance, and emergency information; disclose known risks; maintain required health records; pay charges; and follow the facility rules. The Facility does not promise continuous observation, constant staffing, a particular turnout schedule, or security beyond the selected written services. Care and staffing must match actual practice and applicable law.

5 Health and emergency care

The Emergency Authorization form controls contact order, spending limits, and who may consent to veterinary care. The Facility may promptly contact a veterinarian when it reasonably believes the Horse needs assessment. The Facility is not required to advance third-party costs.

6 Risks and liability

Horse-care liability and participant injury releases are separate. Kentucky law includes a specific rule for boarded horses: KRS 422.280 addresses owner liability for horse damage or loss, except loss due to negligence of the boarder or its agents or employees, and provides that loss alone does not create a presumption of boarder negligence. This provision does not excuse negligent care or decide whether the statute applies to a particular service or claim. Each adult participant must sign the separate Risk

KY 002 Services and rules schedule

Agreement Package ID _____

Owner and Horse _____

Boarding type

[ ] Full stall [ ] Partial stall [ ] Pasture [ ] Self-care [ ] Retirement [ ] Layup [ ] Other: _____

Included services

[ ] Feed and hay [ ] Stall cleaning [ ] Turnout [ ] Water checks [ ] Medication [ ] Blanketing [ ] Handling

Feed type, amount, and schedule: _____

Turnout area, frequency, and weather restrictions: _____

Stall cleaning and bedding: _____

Medication instructions, limits, and who supplies medication: _____

Other selected care tasks: _____

Fees

Monthly board: $_____ Due date: _____ Deposit: $_____

Late or returned-payment charge, if lawful and selected: _____

Other charge, amount/calculation, triggering event, and due date: _____

Services excluded or arranged by Owner: _____

Facility access and rules

Facility hours and access: _____

Arena, trail, and equipment use: _____

Helmet and protective-equipment rules: _____

Children, guests, dogs, parking, and supervision: _____

Rules attachment title/date: _____

The Facility may temporarily modify turnout or access for weather, footing, veterinary direction, biosecurity, or immediate safety. A material ongoing service or fee change requires written agreement.

Owner initials and date _____

Facility initials and date _____

KY 004 Emergency veterinary authorization

Agreement Package ID _____

Owner and Horse _____

The Facility may promptly call the Owner's veterinarian or another available licensed veterinarian when the Facility reasonably believes the Horse needs urgent assessment. The Facility will make reasonable efforts to contact the Owner and the authorized agent without delaying a request for veterinary assessment.

If neither can be reached in time, I authorize the Facility to convey consent to veterinarian-recommended emergency evaluation, treatment, transport, and hospitalization up to $_____ total per incident, including third-party transport costs. The Owner is responsible for authorized third-party charges. The Facility is not required to advance money.

[ ] Optional additional stabilization authority up to $_____ per incident. Owner initials: _____. Blank or uninitialed means no additional spending authority.

The Facility will seek further authorization before approving charges beyond the selected limit when the circumstances allow. The limit does not prevent the Facility from calling a veterinarian or meeting a legal duty.

Separate euthanasia election

[ ] Optional owner authorization: if I cannot be reached after reasonable efforts, I authorize the Facility only to communicate this advance written consent to a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian, not the Facility, must independently determine that immediate euthanasia is medically necessary to prevent severe or prolonged suffering and must decide and perform any procedure in accordance with law and professional judgment. This authorization does not permit euthanasia for unpaid charges, convenience, space, ordinary behavior concerns, or lack of contact alone. Kentucky counsel should review this election before use.

[ ] I do not give advance consent. The Facility may contact a veterinarian and follow applicable law, but may not treat this form as authority to consent to euthanasia.

No advance consent is given unless the first option is selected and initialed. The Facility has no independent authority under this form to diagnose, order, or perform euthanasia. KRS 257.100 contains separate authority and notice rules; do not rely on a boarding agreement as a substitute for those requirements.

Remains preference: [ ] rendering [ ] cremation [ ] burial if lawful [ ] veterinarian recommendation [ ] other: _____

Owner or authorized representative signature and date _____

KY 007 Signage and lien procedure record

Agreement Package ID _____

Signage checklist

Post and maintain signs with the exact warning in clearly visible locations on or near stables, corrals, or activity areas; black lettering, minimum one-inch letters. Use the warning in contracts covered by KRS § 247.4027 and include it in this package.

Posting locations: _____

Inspection date and responsible person: _____

Nonpayment notice record

Owner notice address verified on: _____ Co-owner/secured party records checked on: _____

Itemized balance due: $_____ Period and services: _____

Payment deadline and legal basis: _____

Notice method: _____ Mailing date: _____ Proof of delivery: _____

Lien and disposition safeguards

KRS 376.400 provides a one-year lien for reasonable keeping, caring, feeding, and grazing charges. A separate statutory alternative permits sale only after 45 days of arrears while the animal remains in the provider's possession, newspaper publication in both required locales under KRS Chapter 424, and statutory certified/registered notices to the owner and recorded lienholders at least 10 days before the sale. Proceeds must follow the statutory order. KRS 376.410 addresses court enforcement and consensual removal. Do not use a lien or sale process without verifying title, secured parties, notice records, exact charges, and all statutory steps with Kentucky counsel.

Do not sell, give away, surrender, relocate, or euthanize a horse based solely on this agreement or a missed pickup date. Before any retention or disposition action, obtain counsel guidance, confirm the statute applies, document humane ongoing care, identify owners and secured parties, follow every statutory notice step, and preserve accounting of charges and proceeds.

Counsel confirmation and file reference: _____

Facility representative and date _____