

# THE DOVES GUIDANCE PROGRAM AT OXFORD RANCH

Hereinafter known as "This or The Ranch"  
13749 E. Kettleman Lane  
Lodi, Ca. 95240

## Equine Riding Instruction and/or Training Instruction and/or Participation in Other Ranch Activities Agreement, Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement

READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS BEFORE SIGNING

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER INDIVIDUAL VISITING THE RANCH AND PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Info

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to participant: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Insurance Info

My medical insurance company is \_\_\_\_\_

My policy number is \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that currently apply to  
this PARTICIPANT:

- AGE 18 or older
- Under AGE 18
- Over 240 lbs.?
- Under 10 hours riding experience?
- Over 10 hours riding experience?

[ ] I do not carry medical insurance

### Safety Questions

Does this participant have any physical or mental condition(s), which may affect his / her safety and ability to ride drive and / or train a horse?

Yes No (Circle One)

If you circled "YES," how can we help them with their special needs?

**REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANT AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE** I, the above listed individual hereinafter known as the "PARTICIPANT", and the parents or legal guardians there of if a minor, do hereby voluntarily agree to participate in all THE RANCH activities; including horse riding, driving and handling as a student of THIS RANCH, and that if I ride a horse provided by THE RANCH, I will do so for instruction purposes.

**AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS** This agreement shall be legally binding upon me, the registered PARTICIPANT, and the parents or legal guardians there of if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of THIS RANCH'S physical location. This agreement is intended to be valid and binding at all times now and in the future when THIS RANCH permits me (directly or indirectly) to enter THIS RANCH'S property, be on THIS RANCH'S property, be near any animal, receiving riding and/or training instruction or guidance from its associates and/or when I ride and/or train and/or am near horses on or off of THIS RANCH'S property. Any disputes by the PARTICIPANT shall be litigated in, and venue shall be the county in which THIS RANCH is physically located. This agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as the law permits. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "HORSE" and "EQUINE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The terms "I", "WE", "ME", "MY" shall herein refer to the above registered participant and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

**INHERENT RISKS / ASSUMPTION OF RISKS I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:** Risks, conditions, and dangers are inherent in meaning an integral part of horse/equine/animal activities/ranch activities, regardless of all feasible safety measures which can be taken, and I agree to assume them. The inherent risk include, but are not limited to any of the following: The propensity of an animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, death, or loss to persons on or around the animals; the unpredictability of an animal's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; A collision, encounter and/or confrontation with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; The potential of a ranch activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, harm, death, or loss to the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over and a animal and/or failing to act within the ability of the participant. Horses are 5-15 times larger, 20-40 times more powerful, and 3-4 times faster than a human. If a participant falls from horse to ground it will generally be a distance of from 3.5 to 5.5 feet and the impact may result in harm to the participant. Horseback riding and equine training are activities in which one much smaller, weaker predator (the human) tries to impose its will on, and become one unit of movement with, another much larger, stronger prey animal that has a mind of its own (the horse) and each has a limited understanding

of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: Stopping short; Spinning around; Changing directions and/or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking; Rearing; Kicking; Biting an/or Running from danger. I also acknowledge that these are just some of the risk and I agree to assume others not mentioned above. I am not relying on THIS RANCH to list all possible risks for me.

**CONDITIONS OF NATURE WARNING, UNFAMILIAR AND SUDDEN SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND MOVEMENTS WARNING, AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES I/WE AGREE THAT:** This RANCH is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature and/or sudden and/or unfamiliar sights, sounds and/or sudden movements that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape. I also understand that these are just some of the risks and I agree to assume others mentioned not mentioned above. I am not relying on THIS RANCH to list all possible conditions for me. The participant and parent or legal guardian have inspected THIS RANCH'S facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for this participant's intended purpose, usage and presence upon THIS RANCH'S premises.

**SADDLE GIRTH/NATURAL LOOSENING I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:** Saddle girths (fastener straps around horse's belly) may loosen during riding. Participants must alert the instructor or attendant of any girth looseness so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and the potential for the participant to fall from the horse.

**PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR / HELMET WARNING I / WE AGREE THAT:** I for myself and on behalf of my child and / or legal ward have been fully warned and advised by THIS RANCH that protective headgear / helmet, which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet, should be worn while riding and / or driving and / or training and or being near horses, and I understand that the wearing of such headgear /helmet at these times may reduce severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences. I am not relying on THIS RANCH and / or its associates to provide a certified helmet for me or to check any headgear / helmet or headgear / helmet strap that I may wear, or to monitor my compliance with this suggestion at any time now or in the future.

**NO animals are to be brought onto THIS RANCH without prior authorization!**

**MEDICAL INSURANCE I / WE AGREE THAT:** Should medical treatment be required, I and / or my medical insurance company shall pay for ALL such incurred expenses.

**PHOTO RELEASE I/WE RELEASE** all rights to photos taken of me or the above mentioned for future use by The Doves Program, its staff, founders, and/or Board of Directors in ranch publications, videos, books, newsletters, etc.

**SAFETY AGREEMENT I/WE AGREE:** to stay out of all barns, paddocks, corrals, tack-rooms, and all other non-office related buildings, while waiting for horse related or other activities, or while waiting for a participant, unless given permission to be in those areas.

**LIABILITY RELEASE I / WE AGREE THAT:** In consideration of THIS RANCH allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the participant, for myself and on behalf of my child and / or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to release, hold harmless, and discharge **THIS RANCH, its owners, Shannon and Gayle Oxford, The DOVES Family & Youth Horsemanship Program**, agents, employees, volunteers, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations, and insurers, and others acting on their behalf (herein after, collectively referred to as "associates"), of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to THIS RANCH'S and / or ITS ASSOCIATE'S ordinary negligence or legal liability; and I do further agree that except in the event of THIS RANCH'S gross negligence and / or willful and / or wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against THIS RANCH and ITS ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non economic losses due to bodily injury and / or death and / or property damage, sustained by me and / or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS RANCH, to include while riding, driving, training, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by me or owned by THIS RANCH, or in the care, custody or control of THIS RANCH, whether on or off the premises of THIS RANCH, but not limited to being on THIS RANCH'S premises.

