



Shadowlane Leasing Information, Rules, & Guidelines

What Does It Mean To Lease A Horse?

Leasing a horse means that the horse is yours for the day(s) you are leasing them on. On your lease day the horse is yours to ride and you can come out at any point during Shadowlane's open hours. You may ride the horse only once on your lease day and for a maximum of an hour per ride. You can spend as much time as you would like at the barn and with the horse, fussing over them for however long you would like. On your lease day(s) you are responsible for the general care of the horse (grooming, tacking and untacking, etc.). Leasing is a great way for riders to further their skills, gain experience, and spend more time in the saddle.

Leasing Options for Shadowlane Horses

There are several options for how often and on what days the rider would like to lease on. Part leasing means that the horse is yours to ride for select days a week. Part Boarding means the horse is yours for half of the week and offers additional benefits. Full leasing means that the horse is essentially yours for the entire lease period. Full leasing is a larger commitment and comes with additional costs and responsibilities associated with the care and stabling of the horse.

Part Lease

Part-leasing allows the rider to have additional riding one to two times a week. This allows the rider to practice what they have learned in their lessons while enjoying time with horses and friends at a time that is convenient for them on the day of their lease. Leasing is available on any day the barn is open (Tuesday- Sunday) but is dependent on horse availability. Once a lease day is established the horse is yours to ride on that day of the week.

Part Board

Part-Boarding a horse entitles the rider to the horse 3 days a week. On these days the rider has exclusive access to the horse for riding, groundwork, etc. The rider also has first priority to the horse for lessons and at shows or other events. Riders must commit to a minimum of a 3-month lease term. Ideal for a rider looking to step up out of the riding school, wanting to compete in shows, or looking to split a horse with another rider.

Full Lease

The rider leasing is the sole rider (apart from trainers) of the horse for the lease period and is responsible for the horse's care. Full leasing can be done for a full year, or a portion of the year, with a minimum lease term of 6 months. The cost of the lease varies depending on the horse. When full leasing the rider is also responsible for costs associated with boarding, farrier, veterinary care, and other such expenses.

Costs for Full Leasing

Costs vary by horse – please ask for quote

*Prices are for the lease only and do not include costs for horse care, equipment, etc. *

All prices are subject to HST. Lease costs do not include costs of lessons or training.

Leasing Rules and Responsibilities

Riding a horse when leasing is different than when riding in a lesson. There is no coach monitoring your ride, you choose how long you ride for, and you choose what you work on when you ride. *Be sure to know how much work your particular horse requires.* You can ride in the ring or you could go on a hack (weather and ground conditions permitting). When leasing you can ride when there are no lessons, or you can ride around a lesson that is going on. When riding during an ongoing lesson it is the responsibility of the rider that is leasing to stay out of the way of those having the lesson. When picking a time to ride keep the lesson schedule in mind so that you can choose a time that is suitable for you. It is important to follow riding safety and etiquette rules at all times.

***Please note that there is absolutely NO JUMPING allowed on lease days.
Jumping is allowed only during lessons with a coach.***

Rider Responsibilities

- Following all horse and barn safety rules and etiquette.
- Being respectful of the horses, of other people, and of the property
- Getting the horse from field to ride and putting them away properly afterwards, be it in their field or in their stall.
- Properly grooming the horse before and after riding.
- Putting the horse's correct attire on when finished (halter, flymasks, muzzles, blankets, coolers, etc.).
- Cleaning up after yourself and the horse (sweeping the aisle, cleaning up any droppings, cleaning dirty tack, etc.).
- Putting away any equipment that was used.
- If you are the last one there; turning off lights (and closing doors in cold weather) before leaving the barn.

Riding Rules & Guidelines

- Riders must wear a proper riding helmet when mounted.
- Lease day rides are typically 45 minutes long with 1 hour as the maximum ride length allowed. *Ask your coach how long your horse should be ridden for as each horse has different riding needs.*
- Allow the horse to have a proper warm up and cool down; walk for at least 5 minutes before and after the ride.
- Follow the order of gaits when riding; the horse should walk before trotting, and trot before cantering.
- During any given ride, the horse should canter for only 5-8 minutes in total (unless given permission otherwise).
- Make sure to go both ways in the ring, not just one direction.
- Give horses regular walk breaks during the ride.
- When riding around lessons, those in the lesson have the right of way.
- On hot days rides should be shorter and less intense. On cold days the horse will need more time to warm up and cool down.
- Riders may go for trail rides/hacks out of the ring only when accompanied by a leader or another experienced rider. For safety reasons, all riders must have permission from Carla to ride in the bush.
- There is no riding permitted in the horse paddocks.

A Guideline of a Lease Day Ride

The following is an outline of a typical lease day ride. This should give you a good idea of how to ride on your lease day, and how long you should be doing each gate and exercise while you ride.

Step 1: 5-10 minutes of walking

Get on your horse and sort out your tack (adjust stirrups, check girth, etc.). Once your tack is set, take your horse for a walk. Let them stretch out their legs, neck, and back, and let your horse see everything in the ring. If a horse is not able to stretch out before a workout they may become injured or strained. This is also a great time to practice steering and leg exercises, such as leg yielding, backing up, and turns.

Step 2: 15 minutes of trotting (with 5-minute walk break in the middle)

7.5 minutes of trotting in one direction. Be sure to practice lots of steering while trotting, adding circles, going down the quarter line, etc. Practice both sitting trot and posting trot. Try lengthening and shortening your strides. You can also practice transitions, going from a trot to a walk or stop and back again. T

Take a 5 minute walk break.

Trot for 7.5 minutes in the other direction., practicing your exercises this way too. Going both directions is very important when riding, as your horse will use different parts of their body in different ways depending on which way they are going. Going both ways also ensures that the rider is balanced and strong in all parts of their body, and not just relying on one leg or hand to do the work.

Step 3: 5 Minutes of walking

Walk for 5 minutes. Use this walking time to allow your horse and yourself a break. You can also practice many useful skills at the walk! Remember, the walk is an important gate and working at the walk should not be wasted! Try more steering and leg yielding exercises. Try walking at different speeds and using different aids.

Step 4: 3 minutes of cantering

Canter in one direction for about 3 minutes. Practice your full seat and your half seat. Practice different speeds, collecting and extending the canter. Practice your transitions, from stop to walk to trot to canter in any order! Be sure to add circles and steering exercises!

Step 5: 5 minutes of walking

Walk in between cantering to let you and your horse catch your breath! Practice walking exercises!

Step 6: 3 Minutes of Canterng

Canter in the other direction, practicing your transitions and riding exercises!

Step 7: Cooldown by walking for 5-10 minutes

Finish your ride by walking your horse out. Let your horse stretch out their legs, neck, and back. You can walk them out on the trails as well!

The above steps are a guideline, and you can change it depending on your horse's needs but remember: your ride can be NO LONGER THAN ONE HOUR IN TOTAL LENGTH and you should canter for NO MORE THAN 8 MINUTES TOTAL during your ride.

If you are not sure what riding exercises you should be practicing while riding, or want some new ones to practice, talk to your coach in your lesson and they will ensure you are lease day ready!

Leasing Policies

- There are no makeups for missed lease days.
 - Horse shows sometimes conflict with part-lease days. Horse shows have priority in these situations, and an alternate lease arrangement for the day will be worked out for the leaser if the horse is required for the show.
 - Leasers of Shadowlane horses must be in a regular lesson program.
 - Children under 13 years of age must have supervision from a parent or guardian when on Shadowlane Stables property and not actively in a lesson during the hours of 9am to 12pm and 2pm and 6pm on weeknights, and during the hours of 9am to 3pm on weekends. Outside of this time, all children under 18 years of age that are on the property and are not actively in a riding lesson must be supervised by a parent or guardian as there may not be any staff at the barn.
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