

Criteria for Student Boarding
OSU Horse Center
Effective September 1, 2009

Student boarding eligibility at the OSU Horse Center includes full time student status, good financial and academic standing with the University, and completion of the requirements listed below. Forms, letters and videos (if used) should be submitted to the OSU Horse Center Director at Department of Animal Sciences, 112 Withycombe Hall, Corvallis, OR, 97331. Fall term selection will be determined by September 1st. Applications will be accepted year round and students may remain on a waiting list, as stalls become available during other terms.

Requirements for Student Boarding Applicants

The following are required for application:

- Completed boarding application
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Letter of Industry Recommendation
- Dated letter of good financial and academic standing and full time enrollment from OSU registrar's office
- Demonstration of CHA riding level test 3 English or Western, or equivalent, by video or in person

Student boarders must possess intermediate or better equestrian skills. Unlike a private barn, the OSU Horse Center is open to the public eye and hosts many teaching activities. Students should have 5-7 years of horse experience and be able to pass the CHA-certified Horsemanship test level 3 (or equivalent) with the horse they intend to board. Due to the nature of current teaching activities, it is imperative that we have student boarders who are competent in riding and caring for horses on a daily basis.

Students requesting a stall may board only a riding horse that demonstrates the skills required to pass the CHA riding test level 3. No student-owned driving horses or ponies, miniature horses, pregnant mares, draft horses, or untrained horses are allowed to board at the Horse Center. Horses must be vice free and not aggressive. Students requesting a stall must own or officially lease the horse they plan to board (effective September 1, 2009).

Student Boarding Selection Criteria

Each year, a full reprioritization is completed prior to fall term (note that boarders will not be removed during the year if a higher priority boarder seeks boarding during the middle of the year). Students not selected for fall term boarding may remain on the waiting list for one school year. A new application must be completed each summer/fall for those students not accepted the prior year.

Boarding criteria:

1. Students that have successfully completed 200 level or higher ANS riding courses will be given top priority.
2. Current boarders will be given priority over new boarders during the selection process.
3. Students with an Animal Science major will be given priority over students with other majors.
4. Animal Science majors in the Equine Science Option will be given priority over Animal Science students in other programs.
5. For students who are Animal Science majors in the Equine Science Option, priority will be given to those who have previously boarded a horse at the Horse Center over those who have not.
6. If two students are Animal Science majors in the Equine Science Option and both have previously boarded (or not boarded) a horse, priority will be based on class status (e.g., Seniors will be given priority over Juniors, etc.)
7. If students are non-Animal Science Majors, those with the highest riding skills and best letters of recommendation will be considered first.
8. If students are equal in skill level and letters of recommendation, those employed by the Animal Science Department or volunteers for department functions will be given priority.

*Current student boarders (from Spring 2009) and those approved prior to September 1, 2009, will be required to submit all application materials.