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## GELDING CLINIC GUIDELINES

**Clinic Date:** Saturday, November 22, 2014

**Location:** Horspitality Too Stables, 33623 206th Ave SE, Auburn, WA

**Hosted by:** SAFE | Save a Forgotten Equine and Mt Rainier Equine Veterinary Services

Pre-registration is required. This clinic is open to the public for equine owners who require financial assistance in order to geld their stallions. Gelding procedures will be provided to clinic participants for a \$100 (cash only) fee, required for each horse. The clinic is limited to six stallions. Owners are responsible for all other costs associated with the clinic such as travel, tetanus vaccination, and any aftercare including but not limited to Bute, antibiotics, emergency calls, and recheck examinations, as required.

### Application Process

- ◆ Owners must complete 'Clinic Participant Application'.
- ◆ Owners must submit signed 'Consent Form' with clinic application.
- ◆ Owners must submit proof of horse ownership with their application (equine registration papers, bill of sale, or other identification).
- ◆ Applications should be mailed to: SAFE, 12236 Old Frontier Rd NW, Silverdale WA 98383 or emailed to [bonnie@safehorses.org](mailto:bonnie@safehorses.org). Applications must be received by Nov 17 to be considered for this clinic.

### Gelding — How it Works

- ◆ Geldings are performed by a licensed veterinarian. Veterinary assistants may participate in non-surgical aspects of the procedure under direct veterinary supervision (injections, catheter placement, anesthesia monitoring, etc.)
- ◆ Stallions must be halter broke with two descended testicles and be at least four months old. There is no upper age limit. Horses must be healthy and in good weight, with a Body Condition Score of at least 4/9.
- ◆ Applications will be reviewed by SAFE and approved applicants will be contacted in advance of the clinic with their scheduled appointment time. SAFE reserves the right to reject any application for any reason.
- ◆ Horses must arrive at the clinic within 30 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment time or their appointment may be cancelled. Please note that there may be considerable wait time during the clinic.
- ◆ Each horse must have at least one qualified handler with it at all times. If bringing multiple horses, multiple handlers are required.

## Prior to Gelding

- ◆ All stallions must be in good health and free of lice or infectious disease (including fever, nasal discharge, cough, etc.). Stallions should be fasted (no food) for a minimum of six hours prior to their surgery.
- ◆ All stallions should be clean and arrive in a well-fitted halter with a sturdy lead rope (or chain shank, if needed for safe handling).
- ◆ Bring tetanus vaccination records to the clinic so we can confirm the horse is current. If the horse is not current, we can vaccinate for tetanus at the time of the gelding for an additional fee. However, we prefer that the horse be vaccinated at least 2 weeks (up to 1 year) prior to the gelding for maximum efficacy and to minimize the risk of vaccine reaction complications at the time of the gelding and during the recovery period.
- ◆ Upon arrival, please park your horse trailer and check in with one of the clinic staff prior to unloading your horse.

## After Gelding

- ◆ Horses will be monitored by the veterinary team following the procedure.
- ◆ On average, each horse will require an hour of recovery time before he can safely travel home.
- ◆ Owners will receive aftercare instructions and agree to perform twice daily lunging after a 24 hour strict rest period, and provide Bute and any additional medication that may be required post procedure.
- ◆ No horses may be removed from the premises until officially released by veterinary staff.

## Driving Directions

Horsepitality Too Stables is located at 33623 206th Ave SE, Auburn, WA

From Hwy 18 East, take the Auburn-Black Diamond Rd exit and turn right onto SE Auburn-Black Diamond Rd. Proceed for 6.8 miles. Turn left onto 206th Ave SE. Horsepitality Too Stables is located at the end of 206th Ave SE. You will be directed to trailer parking upon your arrival.

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Thank you to Northwest Equine Stewardship Center (NWESC)

These clinic guidelines and forms were created and developed by NWESC. NWESC is dedicated to fostering compassionate stewardship to the equine community. Learn more about their mission at [www.nwesc.org](http://www.nwesc.org).



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## CLINIC PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

\$100 per horse fee, cash only, payable on the day of the clinic

SAFE and Mt Rainier Equine Veterinary Services reserve the right to deny the application of any candidate for any reason.

All stallions must be in good health, clean, and equipped with a well-fitted halter and a sturdy lead. Please bring your stallion's ownership records and prior health records (vaccination and deworming). The veterinarian on hand reserves the right to refuse to perform the procedure on any stallion deemed unfit for surgery on the day of the clinic.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Tetanus: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of De-worming: \_\_\_\_\_ Are testicles visible?  Yes  No  Unknown

How did you get the horse? \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Name/Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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It is the intention of SAFE Horse Rescue to provide veterinary and rehabilitation services to horses in need. To ensure that scarce resources are provided to those with the greatest need, we request the following information:

Do you have any current or future breeding plans? \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of horses owned : \_\_\_\_\_ # of Mares: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Geldings: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Stallions: \_\_\_\_\_

Household income: \_\_\_\_\_ Housing:  own  rent  other \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Status:  Full Time  Part Time  Self  Unemployed  Disabled  Retired

Any additional statement of need (attach additional information as needed):

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## CONSENT FORM

I have read the attached Gelding Clinic participant information and understand the information contained within it. I understand that it is my responsibility to follow post-operation care as directed by the veterinarian, which may include administering medication, providing exercise, scheduling follow up appointments if required, and any other directions.

I understand that Clinic volunteer veterinarians will not be able to perform extensive pre-operative diagnostic evaluation. I further understand that there is an additional anesthetic risk when this procedure is performed. I understand that my horse will be anesthetized for this procedure and that there is a risk involved with anesthesia, including unexpected death or injury, as well as risk involved with the gelding procedure, including fatal hemorrhage or life threatening post-operative infection.

I understand that clinic staff, volunteer veterinarians, and/or SAFE representatives reserve the right to refuse to perform the procedure on any particular stallion.

I understand under Washington Law, Horsepitality Too Stables is considered an Equine Facility. Therefore, all activities on these grounds are subjected to the Equine Inherent Risk Law, Revised Code of Washington 4.24.540. By my presence on these grounds, I have indicated that I have accepted the limits of liability resulting from inherent risks of equine activities. This is not a spectator area. All persons in this area will be regarded as participants and limited by the Equine Inherent Risk Law.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Clinic: 11/22/2014

Phone Number of Horse Owner/Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant the host organization and its representatives, the irrevocable and unrestricted rights to use and publish photographs of me and/or my horse for educational, advertising, and promotional purposes in connection with SAFE, NWESC, and/or Mt Rainier Equine Vet Services. I hereby release the host organization, clinic sponsors, and their representatives from all claims and liability relating to said photographs.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit completed application forms to:

[bonnie@safehorses.org](mailto:bonnie@safehorses.org)

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