



## **Gallop Lane Horsemanship Program**

Riding is optional. Horsemanship is not.

Gallop Lane Farm | Ringoes, NJ

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Do I need prior horse or riding experience to join?**

No. We welcome complete beginners as well as riders returning after time away. All new students begin with a New Rider Start Session to ensure safe placement and appropriate instruction.

#### **Do I have to ride to participate in your program?**

No. Riding is optional. We offer ground-based horsemanship lessons for individuals who wish to work with horses entirely from the ground.

#### **Why do you only offer private lessons?**

Private lessons allow us to teach safely, match horses carefully, and give each student the attention they need while protecting horse well-being.

#### **Is groundwork required for beginner riders?**

Yes. All beginner riders must complete a Foundations of Safe Horse Handling lesson within their first month. These skills are essential for safety and confidence.

#### **How long are lessons?**

Most lessons are 60 minutes and include grooming, handling, riding when applicable, and untacking or finishing care.

#### **Do students groom and tack up their own horses?**

Yes, when appropriate. Beginner riders are taught gradually with guidance until they can do so independently.



**What ages do you teach?**

We teach both children and adults. Child beginner pony lessons are structured to match age, size, and attention span. Children are suggested to be 5 years old or older to really benefit from the experience.

**Do you provide horses?**

Yes. Lessons are taught on Galloping Lane Farm horses selected for each student's level and needs. We will teach ship-in students on their own horses.

**What should I wear?**

ASTM/SEI-approved helmet, boots with a heel and preferably solid toe area, and long pants/ riding britches are required for riders. Paddock boots and half chaps are encouraged for the comfort and safety of students who ride. Sneakers are not allowed to be worn for anyone handling horses.

**What is your cancellation policy?**

We require at least 24 hours' notice. Late cancellations are charged in full except for emergencies or extreme weather. Make up sessions will be scheduled at GLHP's availability or can be carried over for one month to be made up in that month.

**Do you offer group lessons?**

No. We offer private lessons only.

**Can I practice independently?**

Independent practice sessions are available by approval only for students deemed ready by GLHP.

**Is this a show or competition barn?**

No. Our focus is horsemanship, safety, and thoughtful skill development rather than competition. We do compete on occasion, but the focus is primarily on Horsemanship with showing done once proficiency has been achieved.

**Is enrollment limited?**



Yes. Enrollment is intentionally limited and a waiting list may be maintained.

**How do I get started?**

Contact us to discuss availability and schedule a New Rider Start Session.