

## GENERAL RELEASE

This release agreement is a legal and binding document which may affect certain important legal rights you may have. As a result, you must carefully read the terms of this release agreement set forth below prior to executing this release in favor of Carol Hopkins. By signing this document below, you are indicating that you have read this release agreement, fully understand the same, and have specifically negotiated this general release with Carol Hopkins as a prerequisite to the use of, leasing of or receiving training on any or all horses owned by Carol Hopkins. Should you have any misunderstanding at all about any of the terms of this release, you should not sign it until you have consulted with your own attorney regarding the same.

1. The undersigned party, hereinafter referred to as "lessee or student" hereby grants to Carol Hopkins, hereinafter referred to as "Owner/Trainer", a general release of any and all claims of any kind whatsoever which may arise as a result of the leasing of or use of or horses owned by Owner/Trainer. This general release is intended to include all known or unknown claims specific or contingent claims, all claims for personal injury of any kind whatsoever, all claims for personal property, lost wages, medical bills or any other form of special damages and general damages of any kind whatsoever.

2. Student understands that horseback riding can be a potentially dangerous activity under any set of circumstances. As such, Student further releases Owner/Trainer from any and all claims which may arise as a result of "acts of God" which may affect or influence a given horse owned by student or any other individual.

3. By signing below, Lessee/Student further warrants that he or she has fully disclosed to Owner/Trainer the degree of experience that Student has obtained with regard to Student's ability to ride and handle horses. Student further agrees to be solely responsible for use of any and all appropriate safety gear such as helmets, clothing, hard heeled riding boots, etc. ordinarily used during the course of horseback riding to prevent injuries. By initialing at the end of this paragraph, Student acknowledges that he or she has been advised by Owner/Trainer of the desirability of wearing a pony-club approved helmet or other suitable headgear during training exercises due to the potentially dangerous nature of such exercises. \_\_\_\_\_ Int.

4. If Student is leasing space from a third not a party to this release agreement for purposes of providing an arena or other like space for Owner/Trainer to provide training to Student, Student shall accept all responsibility of insuring that any such arena or other area is free and clear of all obstructions or other property of any kind whatsoever which may interfere with Trainer's training of Student in the dressage technique of Riding. Student warrants that all appropriate arrangements have been made with any such third party for this purpose prior to signing this agreement.

5. In the event that Student is a minor under the age of 18 years old, then Student's parents or legal guardian must also sign below and read the entirety of this agreement before giving consent to such minors instruction by Trainer. Any such parent or legal guardian shall also be bound by the terms of this agreement as if such parent or legal guardian had personally signed this release.

6. Should Owner/Trainer be required to defend any claim, cause of action, or lawsuit of any kind arising out of Leasing or Owner/Trainer's giving of lessons to Lessee/Student, and Owner/Trainer is deemed to not have been at fault under any such claim, cause of action or lawsuit, Lessee/Student agrees to pay all of Owner/Trainers costs and attorney's fees incurred in defending same.

**DATED this** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_

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**LEASEE/STUDENT/PARENT**  
**I have read the above before signing.**

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**OWNER/TRAINER**  
**CAROL HOPKINS**