

RDP Stable Rules and Pricing

1. Javier Rodriguez ("Jave") is the RDP ranch manager. Cell phone: (331) 843-1145 Unless it's a holiday, he is available:
 - a. Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm, with a one hour break in the afternoon, usually from 2 – 3 pm; 8 am – 2 pm on Saturday; 8 – 11 am on Sunday
 - b. We also have a ranch hand working as assistant to Javier, please communicate to Javier when you need things done, he manages the ranch hand(s)
2. Javier is there to help you and that is his top priority. If he is doing something else, feel free to interrupt and request his assistance, either verbally (if you can see him) or by calling him on his cell phone: (331) 843-1145. He will clean hooves, tighten cinches, hold your horse while you mount, and pick up any droppings.
3. Monthly boarding fees should be paid on, or before, the first of the month, in pesos. Please leave your board in pesos on the desk in the office, with a note on it so we know who it is from; or make arrangements to pay on-line in dollars via a bank transfer to the owners account at Chase Manhattan or at Schwab. As of July 1, 2021 the monthly board is 4800 pesos.
4. We do not train a raw horse for you. **At the very least**, when you bring a horse to board at the rancho, that horse must be halter-broke and trained to lead with a lead rope attached to the halter. Horses that kick or bite the barn staff will not be tolerated, and must be moved out of the rancho.
5. Charges for any extra services you have requested during the previous month will be added to your account, and noted on your bill. Please do not request additional services directly from the employees, or attempt to pay them directly for extra services; they must be arranged before hand with us, and we will adjust the employees' work schedule to fit in these requests. (On the other hand, tips are always welcome).
6. Boarding fees are due and payable by the first of the month. If not paid by the 10th of the month, a 10% surcharge will be added to the bill. If these charges are still not paid by the 20th of the month, the horse will have to leave RDP, and the owner's deposit will be forfeit.
7. Please respect the owners' privacy. They live on-site and keep their horses in the RDP stables, but they are not barn help or employees. If you need help with your horse, call Javier.
8. The lounge and tack building are unlocked while either Javier or the owners are on site; it is generally locked at 6 pm in the evening.
9. The RDP equestrian facilities are private and are only for the use of the RDP owners, and the people who board their horses at RDP. We are not a ride-for-hire facility.
10. Owners are responsible for their horses' hoof care and vet care; and training if needed in order for the barn staff to be able to handle your horse safely.
11. If you have any issues with the barn staff or other boarders, please email them to rdplakechapala@hotmail.com so they can be discussed.
12. If you want any adjustments made to your horse's feeding – put a note on the white board in the office, talk to us, or email rdplakechapala@hotmail.com
13. We are happy to feed any sort of supplements or special pellets which you provide. They can be added to your horse's rations at your request morning, evening, or both.
14. Please respect others' property and do not help yourself to their supplies or tack.
15. Boarders are welcome to keep a small table or chair outside their stall, or hang extra hooks over the top of their stall front. Make sure you're not obstructing the passageway, though.
16. Make sure any gates/latches you handle are secure and stall doors closed, latched and hooked after you put your horse in there. Do not leave pasture gates open at any time.

17. Please provide a good halter and lead rope for your horse (not a rope halter); it will hang outside his stall or by the pasture gate. If either of those breaks – the barn staff will switch to your backup lead/halter if you've got one, else RDP will provide a loaner until you get a replacement.
18. If you are leaving town for a while, please let the barn staff know and leave some contact information in case any issues arise.
19. No riding in the pastures; no turnout when raining or pastures are muddy.
20. You are welcome to ride in the round pen, the arena and the interior driveway, all the way down to our garage doors if you want.
21. Do not help yourself to any hay, feed or bedding; the barn staff handles those provisions. If you need any of these – let the barn staff know.
22. Stalls are picked clean twice daily on weekdays, and once a day on weekends and holidays. Stall shavings are cleaned and replenished once a week. The foaling pen and the paddocks are covered with tezontle, an anti-bacterial volcanic sand, and do not have shavings on them.
23. The wash area/stocks are for horse washing and veterinary activities only. Keep wash area clean. Store your tools and soaps in the rubber compartment by the wash area, and please do not use anyone else's supplies.
24. Please let the barn staff know of any repairs needed to facilities or pasture.
25. Children must be supervised at all times. For everyone's safety, please do not allow children to play in the stalls, or on ranch property or equipment.
26. No feeding treats to other people's horses unless the owners have given their permission.
27. If riding out alone – it's a good idea to post the date/time you left and a general idea about where you're going on the whiteboard in the lounge – and erase it once you've returned.
28. If your horse is injured post a dated note to the whiteboard and let the barn staff know; they can administer any medicines which you or your vet provide.
29. Keep your contact information up to date with us.
30. Drivers should drive slowly on interior roads (20 MPH or less) and park only in designated areas. If the parking lot is full then park on the edge of the road, outside the gates.
31. **The entrance gate should be closed at all times.** Remember to close it after you enter or leave; it does not close automatically. Do not give or loan your gate clicker to **anyone**. Do not allow strangers inside the gates at RDP. If someone wants access – direct them to call Javier.
32. No one except the RDP staff may handle another boarder's horse without direct permission from the owner.
33. Worming every horse at RDP is required and is included in your boarding fee; wormers will be administered by the RDP staff – but vaccinations are not included in your board, and should be arranged individually with your vet.
34. Assignments of stalls and turnout areas/times/companions will be determined solely by the RDP staff, in the best interests of all concerned.
35. Friends are welcome – **if they are with you** – unaccompanied friends are not welcome.
36. Outside trainers, farriers, vets, etc. are welcome but please let the barn staff know who they are, when you're expecting them, and their contact information; and be here to let them in and out and to manage the work they're doing on your horse.
37. When you start boarding at RDP, you'll pay a deposit for one month's board (to be returned if you provide a month's notice before leaving RDP) and for the cost of replacing your gate clicker (to be returned when you turn your clicker back in).
38. If you are expecting a vet or farrier visit and can't be there, let us know so we can arrange for Javier to hold your horse; we'll pay the vet or farrier for you and add it to your next month's boarding bill.
39. We want everyone to enjoy the Rancho! If either you or your horse are having fights with others – we may have to ask you to move on to another boarding stable.

Basic Services and Prices for extra services

Basic Service: Basic boarding charge is 4,800 pesos per month. Full service stall board with adjoining paddock; daily cleanouts; twice-daily hay and feed; clean water always; salt blocks; applying fly masks when flies are bad if desired (boarder to provide the mask); grazing muzzles if desired (boarder to provide the muzzle). Turnout times and dates dependent on local conditions. Boarders are also provided a secure tack room with a 3.5' x 7' space for each stall, a boarders' lounge and bathroom, and individual cross tie areas under the roofed arcade outside each stall.

Daily feed includes up to a half bale/day of grass hay; twice-daily oat solvado (ground roughage); plus up to a full scoop of grano twice a day. Additional feed/supplements as supplied by the owner will be added to the morning and/or evening rations as per the owner's instructions. Substituting a flake of alfalfa for a flake of hay, twice a day, costs an additional 100 pesos.

Security – RDP is a walled and fenced “gated community”. Tell the barn staff if you'll be out of town and we'll keep an eye on your horse's condition for you.

Services included in boarding fees

Holding for vet or farrier, or for mounting when riding /clean-up of any manure dropped

Periodic worming

Assigned tack storage, Boarders Lounge, and On-site day parking

Additional Services and fees are set to cover the cost of an employee's time. Any money you pay us for these services goes right back to covering the stables' operating costs.

Email or talk to us re any additional services you want, we'll tell Javier what to do, and we'll add the amount due to your board bill at the end of the month; this should be paid in addition to your normal boarding fees. Additional services not included here will be individually priced as they occur.

- Substituting a flake of alfalfa for a flake of hay, twice a day – 100 pesos extra per month
- If you want, you can call Javier on your way out to RDP and ask him to prepare your horse for you -- Fee for grooming and tacking up your horse – 100 pesos.
- Washing a horse -- 150 pesos
- Mane braiding 200 pesos, tail braiding 100 pesos
- Exercising your horse: Round pen session no more than 30 minutes in length -- 100 pesos
- Javier riding your horse: 150 pesos per hour, including time for grooming, tacking up and untacking
- Daily supplement of mixed chia and ground flax seed: 300 pesos/month
- Tack cleaning –one set of: English -- 100 pesos // Western -- 150 pesos
- Guide for trail ride – Arrange in advance. 150 pesos per hour, including time for grooming, tacking up and untacking
- Nightly blanketing: 300 pesos/month
- Trailer parking 200 pesos/month
- The barn manager Javier Rodriguez is available (if arrangements are made in advance) for basic horse training @ 75 pesos/half hour. This will be scheduled during Javier's normal working hours, your payments are made to us.
- It is assumed that anyone boarding a horse at RDP, knows how to ride and how to care for a horse and tack; this is not a lesson facility, but you are welcome to bring a trainer in to work with you and your horse. Although of course one of the pleasures of having a stable full of riders is sharing hints and tips, and asking opinions, and talking over our experiences.