

RDP Stable Rules and Pricing

1. Javier Rodriguez is the RDP ranch manager. Cell phone: (331) 843-1145 He is available:
 - a. Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm, with a one hour break in the afternoon, usually from 1 – 2 pm
 - b. 8 am – 2 pm on Saturday
 - c. 8 – 11 am on Sunday
 - d. 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, pick up any droppings, and put away your tack if you wish.
3. Monthly boarding fees should be paid on or before the first of the month, in pesos. You can give the money to either Javier or to one of the owners; or make arrangements to pay on-line via a bank transfer. As of May, 2019 the monthly board is 4400 pesos.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The lounge and tack building are unlocked while either Javier or the owners are on site; if you find that door locked, please lock it again when you're finished.
7. 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
8. Owners are responsible for their horses' hoof care and vet care.
9. If you have any issues with the barn staff or other boarders, please email them to rdplakechapala@hotmail.com so they can be discussed.
10. If you want any adjustments made to your horse's feeding – put a note on the white board in the office, or email rdplakechapala@hotmail.com
11. We are happy to feed any sort of supplements or special pellets which you provide. They can be added to their rations at your request morning, evening, or both.
12. Please respect others' property and do not help yourself to their supplies or tack.
13. Boarders are allowed to keep a small table or chair outside their stall – be aware that any small articles left on the ground may be carried off by QT, the dog – we find stuff in pastures, the arena or the gardens all the time.
14. 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.
15. Provide a good halter and lead rope for your horse; 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 provided one, else RDP will provide a loaner until you get a replacement.

16. If you are leaving town for a while, please let the barn staff know and leave some contact information in case any issues arise.
17. No riding in the pastures; no turnout when raining or pastures are muddy.
18. You are welcome to ride in the round pen, the arena and the interior driveway.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Please let the barn staff know of any repairs needed to facilities or pasture.
23. 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.
24. No feeding treats to other people's horses unless the owners have given their permission.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. Keep your contact information up to date with us.
28. 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.
29. **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 ring the office.
30. No one except the RDP staff may handle another boarder's horse without direct permission from the owner.
31. 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.
32. Assignments of stalls and turnout areas/times/companions will be determined solely by the RDP staff, in the best interests of all concerned.
33. Friends are welcome – **if they are with you** – unaccompanied friends are not welcome.
34. 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.
35. 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).
36. 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.

37. 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.

Services and Prices for extra services

Basic Service: Full service stall board with adjoining paddock; daily cleanouts; twice-daily hay and feed (or pellets if you choose, and if they are locally available); clean water always; salt blocks; turnout times and dates dependent on local conditions --- 4,400 pesos per month. Includes secure tack room with a 3.5' x 7' space for each stall, boarders' lounge and toilet, individual cross tie area under the roofed arcade outside each stall.

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

Daily feed includes up to a half bale/day of grass or alfalfa hay; 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.

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 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.

- 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 – 75 pesos.
- Washing a horse -- 60 pesos
- Exercising your horse: Round pen session no more than 30 minutes in length -- 75 pesos
- Daily supplement of mixed chia and ground flax seed: 300 pesos/month
- Tack cleaning –one set of: English -- 60 pesos // Western -- 85 pesos
- Guide for trail ride – Arrange in advance. 100 pesos for the first hour; 50 pesos/additional hour
- Nightly blanketing: 200 pesos/month
- The barn manager Javier Rodriguez is available (if arrangements are made in advance) for horse or rider training @ 75 pesos/half hour. If this is scheduled during Javier's normal working hours, the payments are made to RDP; if during his off-hours, he gets paid directly.

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.