



Ring Use Policies When Lungeing

With cooler weather approaching, we thought it may be a good time to review lungeing etiquette and policies.

Common courtesy and common sense should prevail. If there is another horse ridden in the ring(s), please do not attempt to lunge your horse at that time. Ideally there should be no more than one other horse in the ring(s) while you are lungeing. IE 2 horses being lunged at the same time.

If your horse is being rambunctious on the lunge, it is your responsibility to get them stopped and to remove them from the ring so that the other handlers may continue their work.

If you consistently experience exuberant behaviors from your horse on the lunge, may we tactfully suggest you utilize one of our trainers on-site to assist you with the training of your horse so that they become good equine citizens. Lungeing without obedience gives you a fit, reactive horse! Ground work, including lunging, helps you to have a respectful, less reactive horse. All of our trainers are well versed in ground work and can give you some excellent exercises to do on those cold days!

Many of these policies may seem like common sense, but having everyone on the same page is vital to a well run boarding barn:

- No lungeing during Lessons.
- No lungeing if more than one horse is in the ring(s).
- You must ask permission of the handler already in the ring(s) to lunge your horse. Not all horses will react well to another horse being lunged.
- If your horse acts up on the lunge it is your responsibility to stop the horse immediately and remove the horse from the arena.
- Please rake out any significant divots if your horse was exuberant on the line and has dug up the footing in the ring. There is a rake stored in the corner by the door.
- Use lungeing equipment in good condition and inspect it each time you use it for wear or damage that may result in a loss of control of your horse.
- Ensure that your equipment is properly fit on your horse. If you are unsure about the fit or condition of your equipment, please check in with one of our trainers or barn manager.

If you are lungeing instead of riding because you don't feel well, are injured, or are just having a really bad day and are not feeling present, please consider doing other types of ground work to regain your sanity instead of lungeing. Safety must come first and even the most quiet horse well behaved horse has a bad day. Unfortunately, accidents can happen on the best day. If your horse needs to move and you are not feeling well for any reason, please ask us for assistance.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

CBF Management Team