



Animal Assisted Interventions Waiver

Disclosure

Safety is our number one priority at Blue Rein Ranch in the facilitation and management of all levels of therapy, however, even with the adherence to recognized risk management practices in Animal Assisted Therapy (or AAT from here forward), and animal-related activities, accidents do occur. The level of participation is entirely voluntary and under individual choice at all times and for ALL aspects of the therapy treatment. Animal assisted interventions involve a variety of activities including warm ups, discussion, debriefing, games, horse-related activities and other potentially rigorous physical and or emotional activities. The inherent risks and other risks of this modality are not unlike other physically and emotionally demanding activities and may include falls, heat stroke, hypothermia, anxiety and other fear responses, elevated heart rates, collisions with objects or other people, unsafe acts by other participants, acts of nature related to being in outdoor venues, and other risks that may be noted by participants and facilitators.

Voluntary Release of Liability

I am over 18 years of age. I assume full responsibility for myself and/or my minor children for all risks, inherent and otherwise, related to attendance and participation in animal assisted interventions. By signing this release form, I agree to release and hold harmless Marvin or Erica van den Hoek, Blue Rein Ranch, and all agents, assistants, employees, facilitators, all individuals assisting and conducting these activities and co-sponsors including but not limited to their employees or agents, all shareholders, officers, directors of the corporation (collectively known as releasees), for any damage or injuries, physical or mental, which I and/or my minor children might incur as a result of my voluntary decision to participate. By signing this release form, I agree that if I do sustain any physical injury or mental damage of any nature as a result of my voluntary decision to participate in these activities, on behalf of myself, my children, my heirs, personal representatives and next of kin, I hereby release and discharge releasees and their successors, assigns, affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all liabilities, claims, lawsuits, losses, costs, causes of action and damages of any kind originating or in any way arising from my or my children's participation in activities (even if such claim is due in whole or in part to the negligence of releasees and their successors, assigns, affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents.). I assume full responsibility for myself and/or my minor children and guests for bodily injury, death, loss of personal property, and expenses thereof, as a result of my negligence, or other risks, including but not limited to those related to participation in any aspect of this program for the full duration of it. I acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding any aspect of this release form and by signing in the space provided do acknowledge that I have read completely and fully understand all aspects of this release form and agree to its terms in their entirety. I have been informed of the full nature of this treatment modality and its inherent risks and fully understand the nature of the program.

If I and/or my minor children do voluntarily choose to participate in AAT or other workshop sponsored by Marvin van den Hoek, Blue Rein Ranch Counselling and Animal Assisted Therapy, I recognize that there is a significant element of risk in any animal-based therapy or activity associated with outdoors, which may or may not involve animal-related activities. Knowing the inherent risk, dangers and rigors involved in the counselling activities, I certify that I



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and/or my minor children are fully capable of participating. I have disclosed the necessary medical information to the horse facility so that facilitators and staff are properly informed. By signing this release form, I assume full responsibility for all risks, inherent and other, related to my attendance and participation in animal assisted interventions sponsored by Marvin van den Hoek, Blue Rein Ranch Counselling and Animal Assisted Therapy, as noted in the Voluntary Release of Liability above. I further consent to first aid, emergency care and, if necessary, admission to an accredited hospital for treatment of injuries that I may sustain while participating in any activity associated with Marvin van den Hoek, Blue Rein Ranch Counselling and Animal Assisted Therapy, and the animal facility we will be working with.

Participant Name

Participant or Parent Signature

Date

Emergency Contact

Phone Number