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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

 Mane Gait Equestrian Center LLC

I am aware that horseback riding and other equine activities are athletic events which pose potentially serious risks of injuries or death to their participants. I understand that my horse(s) or I may be injured or die as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I also understand that horses, even the most well trained, are often unpredictable and are often difficult to control.

With this waiver I accept notice of the provisions of the Equine Activity Liability Act 3.1-796.130 through 3.0-796.133 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, which state in part: “”(i)the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii)the inability to predict an equine’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals; and (iii)the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor, in writing, with receipt acknowledged by a representative of the Mane Gait Equestrian Center, heretofore known as the “Mane Gait”, Natural Bridge, Virginia. Furthermore, with this waiver, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence Mane Gait, their agents, employees, members, officers, directors, and staff, for my own safety or for the safety of my minor child. With the knowledge of the foregoing, and as an inducement for the Mane Gait to allow me to ride or participate in clinics on their property, I hereby agree to waive or release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to a claim against the Mane Gait, their employees and participants, arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horses. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which might be made on my behalf by others or which might be made against me by others, arising from riding on Mane Gait property. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the Mane Gait, their employees, or participants, for any injury, death, loss, or damage to any personal property which might occur during an equine activity as defined by 3.1-796.130 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, or social functions sponsored by the Mane Gait or held in our behalf or for our benefit, when such injury, death, loss or damage occurs on their property.

BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP, (WAIVING AND RELEASING) ANY RIGHT I MIGHT HAVE TO SUE OR MAKE A CLAIM WHICH I MIGHT HAVE OR WHICH MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY ARISE OR OCCUR AGAINST MANE GAIT, AND PARTICIPANTS, OR EMPLOYEES OVER WHOSE LAND I RIDE, FOR ANY INJURIES I MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING OR PARTICIPATING IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY, AND THAT I AM INDEMNIFYING AND HOLDING HARMLESS, MANE GAIT, AND EMPLOYEES OVER WHOSE LAND I RIDE, FOR INJURING ANYONE ELSE OR ANY HORSE RIDDEN BY ANOTHER WHILE SO ENGAGED, IT IS MY INTENT TO GIVE UP THOSE RIGHTS AND PROVIDE THE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, AND I DO SO KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Also, I understand the barn requires all riders under the age of 18 to be accompanied by an additional rider for safety purposes. By signing below I’m asking that requirement to be waived so my daughter, who is under the age of 18, be allowed to ride without an additional rider present. I take full responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur as a result of this activity.

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Signature (parent if under 18)

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