

Boarding Facility Checklist – What to Look For Before Moving Your Horse

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Facility & Grounds

- Clean, well-maintained barns and aisles
- Safe, sturdy fencing and secure gates
- Dry footing and good drainage
- Safe storage for feed and equipment

Stalls & Turnout

- Proper stall size and ventilation
- Clean bedding
- Daily turnout
- Shade and shelter available
- Clean water available at all times

Feed & Nutrition

- Quality hay
- Consistent feeding schedule
- Ability to accommodate special diets
- Labeled feed and supplements

Health & Safety

- Emergency plan in place
- Prompt owner notification
- Isolation protocol for sick horses
- Vet and farrier access

Staff & Care

- Knowledgeable caretakers
- Calm, respectful handling
- Consistent routines

Policies & Costs

- Written boarding contract
 - Clear pricing and expectations
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Faith-Based Reflection

“The righteous care for the needs of their animals.” — Proverbs 12:10

Choosing a boarding facility is an act of stewardship. Take time to observe, ask questions, and trust the peace God gives when a place is right for your horse.