

Questions to Ask Before Boarding Your Horse

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Daily Care & Routine

- Who provides daily care, and how often are horses checked?
- What is the daily feeding schedule?
- How many hours of turnout are provided?
- How are horses monitored for injury or illness?

Feed & Nutrition

- What type of hay is fed?
- Can special diets or supplements be accommodated?
- How are feed and supplements labeled per horse?

Health & Emergencies

- What is your emergency protocol?
- Who contacts the owner if a horse is injured or sick?
- Are sick horses isolated?
- Can staff hold horses for vet or farrier visits?

Facilities & Safety

- What type of fencing is used?
- How often are stalls cleaned?
- Is clean water available at all times?
- How often are barns and pastures maintained?

Policies & Communication

- Is there a written boarding contract?
- What fees are included vs. extra?
- How much notice is required to move out?
- How are updates or concerns communicated to owners?

Faith-Based Reflection

“Plans succeed with good counsel.” — Proverbs 20:18

Asking thoughtful questions is part of good stewardship. Take time to listen, observe, and seek wisdom before entrusting your horse’s care to others.