

Big Dog Summer Supervision Program

We have developed a supervision program that we hope helps kids and parents alike. It is tiered so as to offer kid's responsibility and learning compatible with his/her age and horse experience. It helps parents so that they do not need to spend hours on end sitting in barns. It is structured so that kids are safe, gathering new skills and the confidence that comes from this. Working Students of each level need to put cell phones away for the day. (Lunch time is an okay time for cell phone usage.) Big Dog shirts should be worn to help show families who is there to help. If interested in applying for a supervision program, please call or email me. The program will begin the last week of June. ~Judy



"The Big Dogs"

Who: The "Big Dogs" are kids 14 or older who have had at least two years of horse ownership and are in at least two lessons per week. They are hard working, self motivated, respectful, and good role models both in horse handling, riding, as well as in how they treat others. "Big Dogs" are limited to four per day.

What: The "Big Dogs" are in charge of one "Little Dog" and possibly a "Pup" in the morning and in the afternoon. They will oversee barn chores, have a lesson on their own horse, and help with ground training or riding of at least one other horse per day. They will be learning many aspects of horse health: paste de-worming, oral antibiotics, putting on standing wraps, taking temperatures, etc. They will be assisting the "Little Dogs" and "Pups" with proper and safe handling of horses, grooming, and tack cleaning. The day is structured but there should be plenty of time for their own horse and friends.

When: Preferably, this is a full day position. "Big Dogs" may arrive as early as 7am and the day ends at 6pm. If "Big Dogs" need to arrive/leave differently, please let us know the requested dates/times and we will let you know if your request can be accommodated. The cost for a full day is \$70. Cost for a half day is \$45. A half day would be from 7am-12pm or 1pm-6pm. (This includes a lesson)



"The Little Dogs"

Who: The "Little Dogs" are kids 9-13 who have had at least a couple years of riding and own/lease their own horse. They need to be competent at grooming, tacking and able to teach/assist lesson kids and "Pups" in getting a horse ready to ride and putting them away. They need to be hard working, self motivated, respectful, and good role models. They will be mentored by a "Big Dog". "Little Dogs" are limited to four per day.

What: The "Little Dogs" will have barn chores that they are assigned each day. It may be haying, watering, tack cleaning, sweeping, turnout/bring in, etc. They will help lesson kids ready ponies/horses and will help them up to the ring. They will help teach proper grooming and safe handling to "Pups". Their day will include a lesson and supervision while they ride their own horse/pony.

When: This is a full day or half day position. "Little Dogs" may arrive as early as 9am and the day ends at 4pm. The half day is 9-12pm or 1pm- 4pm. The cost for a full day is

\$70. The cost for a half day is \$45. (This includes a lesson)

"Pups" 

Who: "Pups" are kids 6-8 who are in at least two lessons per week. They own or lease their own horse/pony. They are at the stage that needs one-on-one help when working with their horse or pony.

What: They will be learning proper handling, leading, grooming, tacking, etc. Although they will have one-on-one help, we will work towards independence. They will be mentored by a "Little Dog" and overseen by a "Big Dog". They will be in a lesson each day. "Pups" will be limited to one per session.

When: "Pups" would be at the barn for 2 hours with direct supervision. One hour of that is riding. The cost is \$50. The times would be 10-12pm or 2-4pm. (This includes a lesson)