



RIVER VALLEY RIDERS  
EQUINE-ASSISTED SERVICES

## Visiting Animals Policy

River Valley Riders policy for visiting animals is written to protect our clients, their family, guardians, friends, volunteers, and staff. It is also necessary to ensure our insurance coverage and to comply with the general policies of PATH Intl.

### During the riding/driving sessions:

1. No animals will be allowed at RVR lessons unless these animals are Service Animals. Service animals are different from Emotional Support Animals (ESA) and can go almost anywhere with their owners because they are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for someone with a disability. The animal must be leashed or contained. They are the responsibility of the owner and must be under their physical control.
2. Two questions may be asked of the owner of a service animal:
  - Is the service animal required because of a disability?
  - What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?
3. These Service Animals must be kept quiet, excessive barking/noise would require the owner to move the animal away from the session grounds.
4. Only RVR approved horses are allowed onsite, unless the horse is present for evaluation and scheduled by an instructor.
5. When you bring a service animal visitor to the session you must inform one of the instructors on site.