

PLEASE DO NOT FEED OR PET THE HORSES. ALTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM HARMLESS, YOUR KINDNESS MAY SERIOUSLY HARM THEM OR YOU!

- **The horses are privately owned, and the owners are the ONLY individuals allowed to feed the horses**
 - o The only natural horse diet is grass. Any other foods could create dental, digestive, or serious medical issues and be harmful to the horse. That includes carrots and apples!
 - o The owners know their horse dietary restrictions which can change from day to day. Horses have a very sensitive digestive system that can easily get unbalanced.
 - o Hard food ingestion can block their windpipe and cause death. Horses do not have the ability to cough out or vomit food.
 - o You would not want a stranger feeding unknown substances to your child, your dog, your cat... without you knowing. Same with the horses here.
 - o Horses do not know and can't tell you their own dietary restrictions!

- **Horse owners always need to know what their horse has been eating**
 - o To be able to answer the Vet if the horse gets sick.
 - o To monitor the weight gain or loss of their horse and keep them healthy.
 - o Overfeeding can lead to equine metabolic syndrome and laminitis - Both very serious conditions for a horse.

- **Horses are gentle 1000 lbs. animals - best to enjoy from outside of the herd and from 10-20 ft distance**
 - o Horses can react suddenly and unpredictably if startled and could inadvertently hurt anyone standing too close.
 - o If startled and scarred, their instinct is to run. If one horse starts running, the whole herd will join, hence best to stay of the outskirts of the herd 10 ft to 20 ft away.
 - o Horses are gentle and social animals but over 1000 lbs.
 - o If interested in meeting a horse up close and personal, find an owner and ask them if you can meet their horse. They come daily to check on the horses and can often be found in the parking lot by the main gate.

IF YOU SEE ANYONE PETTING, FEEDING OR STANDING TOO CLOSE TO A HORSE, SHARE THE ABOVE AND HELP THEM STAY SAFE!