

**Big Sky Shires and Equine Services**  
Instructions for Stallion Owners Regarding Shipped Semen

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**Documents Needed:**

**Stallion:**

- 1) Please enclose a copy of the Transported Cooled Semen Agreement with your stallion contract.
- 2) Current Coggins
- 3) Proof of Negative EVA and Vaccination
- 4) Proof of vaccinations and deworming
- 5) Current Health Certificate with body condition evaluation.
- 6) Stallion owners need provide a copy of the stallion's registration papers

**Mare:**

- 1) The stallion owner will also need to provide a copy registration papers for the mare and a written legible address of where the semen is to be sent.
- 2) Stallion owner should make sure the mare is current on all health requirements of the contract.

**Requesting Semen:**

- 1) The Client shall notify Big Sky Shires & Equine Services of the impending need for semen by telephone. A notice of the mare in heat at day two of her cycle should be called in. Prior called in notices will have a priority over last minute requests.
- 2) ***Requests for semen shipment must be made the day before semen is needed by 12:00 PM MST, messages left on a recorder are not considered a valid order or cancellation.***
- 3) Collection Days are MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS – If stallion is available and able to be collected on off days arrangements may be made.
  - a. However, there is an additional \$100 collection charge and BSS&ES makes no guarantee that off day collections will be available.
- 4) THEREFORE, DELIVERIES OF SEMEN WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY (it is the clients responsibility to make sure they have Saturday delivery from UPS).
- 5) ***Cancellations must be made by 8:00AM MST on the day of shipment; otherwise a shipping fee will be charged.***
- 6) Semen will be shipped to the address provided with this contract. All address changes will be the responsibility of Mare Owner.
- 7) All fees must be paid prior to shipping. Please contact BSS&ES for shipments and cancellations.

*If the weather is extremely cold, we may be unable to collect the stallion and / or obtain good quality semen, as our collection facility is not in a heated barn.*

## **Stallion Management Fees:**

**Stallion collection fee/ Phantom Training:** (no shipping, no semen evaluation, or test cooling) \$100 per attempt as necessary to train the stallion to mount the phantom or to collect for maintenance of fertility. An attempt will be any try to get stallion to collect up to 3 hours. If additional time is needed it will be charged at an additional \$25 per half hour of time to the stallion owner. Or goal is to make each stallion an efficient breeder so that we can optimize performance and fertility while being safe and timely in or collections.

**Semen evaluation and test cooling:** (Please Check Semen Evaluation of Choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Each Collection:** \$100 .00 (multiple collections may be needed to get a quality sample to test- number of extenders tested will also determine number of collections needed.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **One Extender:** \$75.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **Exodus Breeders Test Kit:** \$200.00 (this test will require multiple collections to complete as there are 8 extenders to test- Collection fees will be charged as needed to complete the entire series).

**Shipped semen fee (Collection, semen evaluation, semen processing, and overnight shipping):** \$250.00 (This is fee is for an experienced, efficient, stallion, who does not take a lot of time and effort to collect.) If the stallion is not an efficient breeder, and takes extra time to collect (more than one hour), an additional \$25 per half hour of time will be charged to the stallion owner.

**Board and Care of Stallion at Facility:** Board and Care will be at the rate of \$11.00 per day. Residence facilities are not available at this time- Only short term board options are available till the stallion barn is completed. Please contact us for board options and times.

## **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY.**

WARNING, UNDER MONTANA LAW MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED; TITLE 27 CIVIL LIABILITY, REMEDIES, AND LIMITATIONS CHAPTER 1 AVAILABILITY OF REMEDIES – LIABILITY Part 7 Liability Mont. Code Anno., § 27-1-725 (1993). AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITES.

**Limitation of liability.** Mare/ Stallion Owner acknowledges that there are inherent and numerous risks associated with breeding a mare and Mare/ Stallion Owner agrees to bear these risks, including but not limited to illness, injury or disease, to the mare and/or the foal. Furthermore, even though mare may become pregnant, the mare may not give birth or the mare's foal may be stillborn, have defects or become ill, injured or die. Stallion owner also understands that fertility may vary and not every stallion will ship or collect a viable sample every time. Mare/ stallion Owner agrees that except in the event of Big Sky Shires &

Equine Service's gross negligence or willfulness conduct, Big Sky Shires & Equine Services and its officers, members, employees, directors or agents shall not be liable for any special incidental, indirect or consequential damages arising out of any transaction or activity arising out of this agreement.

**Assumption of risk.** Mare/ Stallion Owner understands that engaging in equine activities including breeding a mare/ stallion or boarding the mare or foal/ stallion at another farm or facility is an inherently dangerous activity and that by so doing mare and/or foal/ stallion are exposed to dangers both known and unknown. Horses are large unpredictable animals which are dangerous and present a risk of injury no matter how much training they have and no matter what level of experience Big Sky Shires & Equine Services has and no matter what the situation.

**Indemnity.** Mare/ Stallion Owner agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Big Sky Shires & Equine Services harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, judgments, loss, liability or damage including attorney's fees or costs, that Big Sky Shires & Equine Services may occur arising out of or in any way connected with Mare/ Stallion Owner's presence on or use Big Sky Shires & Equine Service's facility or the breeding services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

## **Payment:**

We accept checks payable to Big Sky Shires & Equine Services, cash or Visa, MasterCard, Discover credit cards through Pay Pal (5% Additional fee for Credit Cards). A fee of \$40.00 will be charged for returned checks. *All fees must be current and paid before any semen is shipped to any mare.*

Client has read, understands and agrees to all the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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