



## **Miniature Shetland Therapy Ponies**

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### ***Safety Aspects of Horse-related Activities***

#### **Protective Attire**

1. I understand that I/child should always wear hard-soled, full enclosed shoes or boots and socks to protect feet, and long trousers to protect legs while working around or interacting with horses.
2. I understand that I/child should have appropriate clothing and protection for all weather conditions (i.e. waterproofs, winter hat, sun cream, sun hat). I understand that I must provide this equipment.

#### **The Nature and Physical Character of the Horse**

Domesticated, well-trained horses are usually obedient, docile and affectionate; however, it is important to understand that their survival instincts are what have allowed the horses to survive from prehistoric times to the present day, so the following information has been collated for your safety.

***Please do not be alarmed when you read this, it is only intended to give useful information for your session.***

1. I am advised that horses are unpredictable by nature, with minds of their own, as are all animals both domestic and wild
2. I am advised that when a horse is frightened, angry, under stress or feels threatened, it is the horses instinct to move forward or sideways, to run away from danger or gallop to safety.
3. I am advised that if a horse is frightened or feels threatened from behind, the horse may kick. Please be aware of your distance when walking behind a horse.
4. I am advised that humans must always approach a horse calmly and quietly with caution, preferably to the horses shoulder or lower neck.
5. I am advised that loud and/or sudden unexpected movements, such as dropping an object near a horse, can provoke a domesticated horse to react according to nature, protective instincts as described above.
6. I am advised that first signs of anger or fear in a horse are the sudden tensing of the muscles of the body, possibly laying the ears flat back against the head, or quickly tossing or raising the head.  
I understand that the practitioner or staff will manage any of these signs should they be evident.
7. I am advised that a horse can see independently with each eye, actually looking in one direction with one eye and another direction with the other eye.  
The horse can also focus both eyes on an object somewhere in front of him/her.  
Typically the direction in which the ear is pointing will tell an observer where the eye is looking on the same side and what the horse is listening to.
8. I am advised that a horse has two blind areas around which he/she cannot see.  
Those areas are directly behind the horse and directly in front.  
When a horse has his/her head lowered to the ground, the spot directly at the end of the nostrils is a blind area.  
This is the reason it is best to approach a horse close to the shoulder, and never to surprise a horse from the rear, or to reach first for the horses mouth, muzzle area.
9. I am advised that while a horse is very sure-footed by nature, horses may accidentally step on an object such as a humans foot when they are balancing or turning around.  
When the horse is worked on unstable ground or slippery grass or footing, the horse could fall down and be injured

***I have read and understand the above concerning protective attire and the nature and physical character of a horse.***

 *Please Do Not Feed our Ponies at any time During your Visit* 

 *They are on Special Diets & we don't want to loose any Little Carrot like  
Fingers* 

***\*\*\* By Paying for your Booking \*\*\****

*You are confirming that you have Agreed  
Read & Fully Understand  
the above points of The Safety Aspects*

*We Can't Wait to Spread our Magic with you*

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