



# Thunder Mountain Stables

## General Information

### About Us

Thunder Mountain Stables (TMS) is a small equine operation located in New Midway, Maryland, owned and operated by Bob and Joy Luke. Our daughter, Keiko, loved horses from the time she was two years old and began taking lessons in Urbana in 2009. In 2012 we bought our first two horses; Sidney, a flea-bitten Arabian mix, and Count, a registered bay Morgan. A year later Bob fell in love with, and purchased, a registered Oldenburg yearling naming him Shadowfax.

In the fall of 2013 we began looking for land and finally found a 25 acre spread backing up to the Monocacy River, looking west to the Catoctin Mountains, near New Midway. In January 2014 we settled on the land and began the process of designing a house and 8-stall barn. Ground was broken in September of that year and the house was completed in June of 2015. Just over 15 acres were divided into four fenced pastures of differing sizes, each with a run-in shed. The barn includes eight



12'x12' matted stalls, a 12'x24' tack room, and a 12'x24' lounge with heating, a half-bath, small kitchenette, cable TV and Internet. We have a lighted outdoor 170'x90' sand riding arena.

Over the years we have maintained a boarding business for horse lovers of all ages and walks of life. We offer self-care pasture boarding with eight stalls available for temporary use (i.e. farrier, medical reasons, etc.). We no longer offer lessons for non-boarders, however many of our boarders have their own instructors who come here regularly.



### Boarding

For those that want the privilege, and responsibility, of owning their own horse, TMS provides self-care pasture boarding. Self-care is great for those who are able to stop by the farm several days a week, or as required by a co-op arrangement, to feed and water. Each pasture typically contains horses owned by multiple boarders and together they create a schedule to feed/water the horses. Thus, if a pasture has three boarders you would be expected to come by about every third day to feed/water for that pasture. Boarders often back each other up for those days where one is not able to come.

Self-care pasture board currently costs \$175 per month, not including hay. Hay is typically only necessary during the late fall and winter months (Nov-Apr) and the cost is passed on at the rate that TMS pays (currently \$7/bale). A single horse typically requires one-half bale per day at a current cost of \$3.50 per half bale. The cost of hay is added to your monthly invoice in arrears around the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

All outside services, such as farrier and veterinary, are the responsibility of the boarder. TMS does have a "farm farrier" available or you are free to use your own. We can also recommend veterinarians in the area.



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For more information on boarding, please contact TMS.

## Contact Information

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