



369 Brookby Road, Clevedon, Auckland 2576

Grazing Rules

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Papatoetoe Pony Club (PPC) offers limited grazing spaces to its financial members. The grazing is situated on over 100 acres with direct access to an all-weather ebb & flow arena, sand area, shell/sand dressage arena, bridle trails, lunging pen and cross-country paddocks. The grazing group offers a community feel whereby those with little or no previous horse ownership experience are supported and given a 'leg up'.

Support, friendliness, and respect for other members is always expected. Negative, unfriendly, and anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. All members must abide by the NZPCA Code of Conduct.

APPLICATION

All grazers must be financial members of Papatoetoe Pony Club (PPC) or Papatoetoe Adult Ride Club (PARC) when applying for grazing. Membership of either is not an acceptance of grazing rights. PPC members will have preference over PARC for grazing space. Facility users do not qualify for grazing.

- a) PARC members may be allocated a maximum of five grazing spots.
- b) To be considered for grazing on Papatoetoe Pony Club property, the horse/pony must be no less than 4 years of age. The horse/pony must be broken in and rideable. A stand down period of 4 months will apply to horses/ponies recently gelded, and a Vet Certificate will need to be attached to the Grazing Application Form and accepted by the committee.
- c) Horses that are known windsuckers will be assessed on an individual basis by the committee and if accepted to grazing on the grounds must always wear a preventative collar. Any damage to rails or posts will be fixed by the Farm Manager at the owner's expense.
- d) If a horse/pony is accepted and then deemed not suitable for the grazing herd for which it was accepted for, the committee reserves the right to terminate grazing with four weeks notice via email. Examples of this could be: acceptance for a herd place and then the horse/pony becomes grass affected, or accepted and then deemed to be dangerous for herd grazing. If available, individual grazing may be offered.
- e) Upon acceptance, horses/ponies must be worm pasted and be immunised for Tetanus/Strangles prior to coming on to Papatoetoe Pony Club grazing. Vaccinations must be kept up-to-date yearly and proof of vaccination may be required.
- f) All applications for grazing must be submitted via a Grazing Application Form. Applications will be discussed and appropriately approved by the committee on a case-by-case basis prior to moving onto Papatoetoe Pony Club property.

FEES (from 01 August 2025)

Herd grazing \$170.00 per month

Individual grazing \$300 per month

Monthly invoices will be emailed. Payment is due 1st each month

- a) If horses move onto grazing mid-month, the first month grazing payment will be pro-rata, with full monthly payment to start on the 1st of the following month.
- b) Failure to pay grazing fees within 14 days of the due date may result in termination of grazing.
- c) Onsite storage cost for trucks is \$50 and floats \$40 per month payment. Invoice and payment method as above. Papatoetoe Pony Club takes no liability for any vehicles parked at the Club.
- d) One locker is allocated to each grazing member as part of grazing fees. PPC takes no liability for any personal belongings stored at the Club.

CARE

- a) Horses must be checked a minimum of five times a week by the owner or family member. If the owner is away, they must nominate another person responsible for the care of their horse/pony and advise the other herd members and the Grazing Manager.
- b) Neglect or ill treatment will not be tolerated at any time. The Ministry of Primary Industries code of welfare for horses and donkeys is the guiding document.

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/animals/animal-welfare/codes/all-animal-welfare-codes/code-of-welfare-horses-and-donkeys/>

HAY

- a) Will be supplied at the Grazing Manager's discretion over winter in July and August. Every horse is allocated at least one biscuit of hay per day, when grass supply is low (allocated hay cannot be accrued if not used). Each grazer may be called upon to help distribute hay on a rostered basis.
- b) Outside of these months, hay is to be provided by the grazers if required. If there is excess Pony Club hay leftover this will be used at the Grazing Managers discretion.
- c) If a horse/pony needs to be on a hay only diet, the grazing member will supply their own hay which may be stored at Papatoetoe Pony Club subject to space, but the Club is not responsible for private hay on the grounds.
- d) Grazing members are required to do an extra 5 hours working bee hours towards covering the cost of purchasing hay. This is in addition to the 18 working bee membership hours required.

DRENCHING

- a) Pasting will be arranged by the Grazing Manager. We have joined the Worm Ed programme, a targeted approach to testing and worming only as required for each individual horse. Product will be supplied by Papatoetoe Pony Club and all grazing members are required to provide poo samples and worm when required. Some horses may require testing or worming more than others depending on their FEC count.
- b) Invoices for the product will be issued by PPC and are due for payment within 7 days.

HARD FEED

- a) For safety reasons, hard feed is not to be fed within the same paddock or vicinity of herd paddocks where horses are grazing.
- b) Hard feed may be given in the concrete covered yards. If your horse/pony has aggression problems while feeding, use the wooden pens in paddock 9 (please find a suitable alternative if paddock 9 is occupied). During rallies and competitions horses in the covered concrete yards must be tied up.

INJURED/SICK HORSES

In cases of emergency, a vet may be summoned by any member of the committee after consultation with the Grazing Manager. Every effort will be made to contact the grazer first. These costs are the sole responsibility of the grazer. All grazers are responsible for ensuring their mobile phone numbers are known by the Grazing Manager.

- a) Papatoetoe Pony Club and/or other members are not liable for any injury to any horse/pony grazing at the Club.
- b) A vet certificate/care plan needs to be provided to the Grazing Manager for any injured horses needing to be out of their paddock herd.
- c) Covered yards are available for \$5 per night. Horses can have a companion adjacent. The weekly cost is for two yards. Hay must be supplied at the grazer's expense. Hay must not be taken from PPC supply. If wood shavings are required and there is supply available onsite, grazers have permission to take additional bedding. Otherwise, it will be at the grazer's expense.
- d) Yards must be mucked out twice a day and horses/ponies checked twice daily for hay and water.
- e) Open pens (sick pens) by the shearing shed & gravel yard, are available for injured horses at no extra cost. These areas must be mucked out daily and horses checked for water and hay.
- f) Creating a sick pen within a herd grazing paddock should be discussed and is at the discretion of the Grazing Manager.
- g) It is not acceptable to have a gap of 36 hours between checks. For example, one morning, followed by the next evening.

PADDOCKS & GROUNDS

- a) Herds graze communally and will be allocated paddocks by the Grazing Manager to rotate through. Paddock herd members need to work together to graze between their allocated paddocks. A paddock may be taped to strip graze in order to reduce excess grass intake. Tape and standards are to be provided by the grazers.
- b) Herds are sorted by gender and similar grass requirements. Herd size is a maximum of six. This can be altered with discretion of the Grazing Manager.
- c) Herd paddock maintenance like trough cleaning and rabbit holes is done by the herd. Spraying, topping and harrowing is requested through the Grazing Manager to the Farm Manager.
- d) Individual paddocks need to have all manure removed by the grazer. Any tape and standards are to be provided by the grazer. Maintenance like trough cleaning and rabbit holes is done by the grazer. Spraying, and harrowing is requested through the Grazing Manager to the Farm Manager.
- e) It is the responsibility of all grazing members to report any damage to the Grazing Manager caused to fencing, troughs etc. including pens and property. Papatoetoe Pony Club reserves the right to ask the owner of the horse to reimburse or compensate Papatoetoe Pony Club for any damage caused.

f) Concrete Covered Yards must be swept after every use. Urine must be washed from yards and poo picked. Drains must be cleared if blocked in wash bays.

g) The Gator may only be driven by people aged 16 or over as per Worksafe guidelines and following an induction.

SECOND HORSE / PONY

A request for a second horse/pony must be submitted via a Grazing Application Form and follow the standard application process whereby they are reviewed and appropriately accepted on a case-by-case basis.

A second horse /pony is permitted to graze temporarily at Papatoetoe Pony Club if:

- The rider's primary mount is injured, and
- The owner is meeting all current welfare requirements for their first horse, and
- There is grazing space, and
- The member has no overdue invoices or working bee hour commitments.

In the event of horse/pony injury, up to nine months is permitted for rehabilitation. A care/rehabilitation plan is to be provided to the Grazing Manager and will be reviewed on a monthly basis by the committee.

Once the primary horse/pony is in work and able to attend rallies, or nine months has lapsed, the second horse/pony will be given two months notice to leave grazing at Papatoetoe Pony Club.

Where a grazer has purchased a replacement horse/pony and there is evidence that the original horse/pony is for sale, a prospective horse/pony must be applied for using the Grazing Application Form. As per standard procedure, the application will be reviewed and appropriately accepted on a case by case basis. The grazer will have a transition period of two months (total) before the grazer will be asked to remove one horse/pony from Papatoetoe Pony Club grazing.

COMMUNICATION

All grazers (and parents for members aged under 18yrs) are encouraged to communicate via the herd or individual grazing Facebook Messenger group chat, via the closed Papatoetoe Pony Club Grazers Facebook page or if privacy is needed, directly to the Grazing Manager via email, phone call or direct message.

GENERAL

**** No one may disregard the Grazing Manager and/or Committee's instructions. ****

A probation period of 3 months will apply to any new horse/pony. If during the probation period, the horse/pony is not deemed compatible for grazing at Papatoetoe Pony Club it will be asked to leave.

All grazers must notify the Grazing Manager when a horse will be removed overnight or longer, privately via email or in the herd or individual grazing chats.

Grazers must notify the Grazing Manager if a nominated person other than the owner is responsible for the horse/pony i.e.: during a holiday.

All members with Papatoetoe Pony Club grazing need to participate in 60% of Pony Club or Adult Ride rallies with no less than 30% being ridden rallies during the normal rally season (Sept-April) and does not include winter rallies.

If required on competition days, horses may need to be moved to an alternative paddock as directed by the Grazing Manager.

Papatoetoe Pony Club has the right to ask the member to remove the horse if it is deemed troublesome to other horses, people, or does not fit into communal herd grazing.

Horse welfare is the primary concern when dealing with Health and Safety concerns or issues arising from horse behaviour or horse welfare requirements, and Papatoetoe Pony Club and all grazing members commit to finding constructive solutions to horse health and safety concerns and issues before termination is considered.

Grazers must be available to move their horses when requested or have made prior arrangement to have them moved by someone else.

Covered yards are available to use at the cost of \$15 per night if they are not booked for a show.

Any member that resigns from grazing at Papatoetoe Pony Club must give a minimum of one month's notice in writing to the Grazing Manager.

The committee reserves the right to alter/amend these grazing rules at any time. Grazers will be given 14 days' notice of changes to rules.

Concerns about a horse/pony's behaviour being persistently troublesome or dangerous towards other horses and/or members must be given to the Grazing Manager. The Executive Committee, together with the Grazing Manager, will address these concerns promptly with the horse's owner and if necessary, will give four weeks' notice of termination of the grazing arrangement. The horse will be re-paddocked as directed by the Grazing Manager until such a time it can be relocated off the grounds.

It is a privilege to graze on Papatoetoe Pony Club grounds and it is in the best interest of all grazers that every one of you ensures the safety and welfare of all horses grazing and the health and safety of all parents and members involved in managing grazing. If there is a problem at any time do not hesitate to contact the Grazing Manager in the first instance.

The Executive Committee, or Committee reserves the right to terminate grazing for any horse or member at their sole discretion, four weeks' notice will be given of termination, except where the termination is related to a Health and Safety issue caused by the horses behaviour, this notice period may be shortened at the discretion of the Executive Committee and Grazing Manager