



Code of Ethics

Approved by METSA Board of Directors September 4, 2023

1. **Respect for the Client** - We will always treat our clients with dignity, respect, and empathy, regardless of their age, gender, race, religion, background, or ability.
2. **Equine Welfare** - We are committed to the well-being and welfare of our miniature equine partners. Our horses will receive proper care, nutrition, and medical attention.
3. **Informed Consent** - We will obtain informed consent from clients or their guardians before conducting Equine Assisted Activities (EAA). Clients will be informed about the nature and purpose of the activity.
4. **Boundaries** - We will maintain professional boundaries with clients and their families, ensuring that personal relationships do not interfere with EAA relationships.
5. **Confidentiality** - We will protect the confidentiality of client information, both verbal and written, unless there is a legal or ethical obligation to disclose.
6. **Competence** - We will continuously update our knowledge and skills to provide the highest quality of EAA. We will only engage in EAA practices that are within our scope of competence.
7. **Safety** - We will prioritize the safety of clients, staff, and the miniature equine team during EAA sessions, implementing appropriate safety measures.
8. **Cultural Competence** - We will strive to be culturally competent and sensitive to the diverse backgrounds and needs of our clients.
9. **Non-Discrimination** - We will not discriminate against clients based on any protected characteristics, including but not limited to race, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
10. **Transparency** - We will be transparent about our qualifications, affiliations, and certifications as METSA qualified miniature equine service practitioners.



11. **Reporting and Accountability** - We will report any unethical conduct or concerns within the METSA community and cooperate with any investigations as required.
12. **Professional Conduct** - We will conduct ourselves in a professional manner at all times, adhering to the METSA code of ethics and relevant laws and regulations.
13. **Continuous Improvement** - We will actively seek feedback from clients, colleagues, and supervisors to improve our services and ethical practices.

By signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that I have read this Code of Ethics and fully understand its contents and agree to uphold the METSA Code of Ethics at all times. Furthermore, I understand that failure to abide by the METSA Code of Ethics may result in disciplinary proceedings. I also agree I am signing this document of my own free will.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____