



WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in the Therapeutic Riding Program at the Helen Woodward Animal Center. Our program is dedicated to serving riders with special needs through equine assisted activities. With input from parents, physicians, physical therapists, and special education teachers, our experienced PATH certified staff members develop lesson plans to suit each of our riders short and long term goals.

Students, ages 4 and over, ride specially trained horses year round in weekly lessons to enhance physical, cognitive, social-emotional and motor skills. Our instructors work with each individual to accomplish challenging yet attainable goals centered on horseback riding skills. Your rider will participate in 5 nine week sessions throughout the year. The cost per session is \$360. This averages out to much less than our cost per lesson, which is over \$150. However, for those requiring additional financial assistance, scholarship opportunities may be available.

Attached you will find more information, as well as forms which must be completed and returned prior to placement on the waiting list. Be sure to keep a copy of our program policies for yourself for future reference.

In the past, our expected wait time was about 12 months. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted our operations and our wait times. We are continuing our safe reopening plan and are working to bring back all currently enrolled program riders before we can begin to introduce new riders off the wait list. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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