

Horse Ownership Costs. This is geared toward folks who are about to buy a horse and board here, but it's a good breakdown for anybody.

- Board
  - Outdoor group board: \$250/month
  - Indoor stall board: \$325/month
  - Board includes feed, water, salt, bedding if indoors. It does not include supplements that might be necessary or desired.
  - Board includes one free lesson per month
- Feet trimming or shoeing:
  - Trimming: \$50/month
  - Shoeing: \$80 to \$150/six weeks
- Teeth floating:
  - \$250 to \$300/generally once per year
- Deworming:
  - \$5 to \$10 every other month
  - \$50 for a Power Pack dewormer once per year
- Vaccinations:
  - Varies, usually around \$75 once per year
- Training:
  - Groundwork program: \$250/month (includes one free lesson per week, no make-ups for missed lessons.)
  - Rides billed individually: \$15/each
  - Groundwork sessions billed individually: \$35/each
- Lessons:
  - One per month for boarders, with \$10 off each additional
  - OR one per week free for those in the groundwork program
- Body work, massage, chiropractic care: as needed, \$60 to \$150 each
- Tack: Please don't bother buying stuff that isn't cleared by me. I'm not trying to be a control freak but I know what works and I will save you money in the long run.
  - A good rope halter and a good lead rope are around \$60 total. Best places to buy are online. Tack store ropes are not long enough and will give you rope burn! Buy at [naturalnag.com](http://naturalnag.com) for black and white or [handcraftedjewels.com](http://handcraftedjewels.com) for any color. Get a 12' rope.
  - You can find nice rope reins at both places also. Get loop reins, we will discuss length first.
  - Bridles and bits are very individual. We will discuss. Probably \$40 for the headstall and \$40 to \$60 for the bit.
  - A good synthetic saddle is around \$400. Big Horn and Abetta are good brands. However, if you can afford it, I am a strong advocate of treeless saddles. Even a very expensive custom made treed saddle will only fit correctly if your horse never bends and never changes shape. We will discuss saddle size before purchase.
  - I recommend Equipedic Saddle Pads. [Equipedic.com](http://Equipedic.com). We will discuss size. They are very much worth their big price tag of \$250 each. They are currently on eBay for \$200.
  - Grooming supplies:
    - Metal curry, rubber curry, jelly scrubber, good hoof pick with a thick handle, stiff brush, soft brush, hair brush, spray on detangler (like Show Sheen.)
  - First aid supplies:
    - I have some for emergency use. If you need a lot, I will tell you what to get or get it for you and put it on your bill.
  - Other tack you might need: blanket, cooler, lunge line, hoof boots...
- Showing and other event fees:
  - Fee to enter the class(es) payable to group putting on the event
  - Fee to have me haul you there and back
  - Fee to have coaching or instruction on-site

- Additional husbandry services: see attached fee schedule for info on fees for things like hand walking, bandaging, holding for the vet or farrier. Most of these fees are waived for horses in the groundwork program; if the service can be accomplished during the course of a training session that would be taking place anyway, then the fee is waived.
  
- Emergency Expenses:
  - Colic, laminitis, lacerations, lameness: These are the big expenses. Colic is the leading killer of horses. Some colic cases require surgery. Most owners cannot afford surgery, so we will discuss how you'd want to handle things in the event something happens in the middle of the night and I can't reach you right away. For colic your basic choices are:
    - Management here: potentially three vet visits at around \$300 each. Case either resolves or horse must be euthanized.
    - Medical management at a specialty clinic: \$300 to \$1000 per day. I have a hauling and handling fee also to take your horse in. The horse will get better or will need euthanasia if it turns into a surgical case that you can't afford.
    - Surgery: minor surgical cases like nephrosplenic entrapments are around \$5000. More extensive colic surgery can run around \$14,000. Not all horses survive, and some will re-colic.
  - Laminitis:
    - Laminitis has never happened here since it is almost always caused by bad husbandry: improper feeding and improper hoof trimming. Sometimes a horse gets laminitis when he's sick from something else and then there can be extra hoof trimming, use of hoof boots and soaking, hand walking, and maybe xrays with the vet.
  - Lacerations:
    - Lacerations are very rare here since we have good fences and almost all horses are unshod. However, horses do seem to find trouble! A laceration can cost anything from \$150 to \$500 if complex, and can involve infection and xrays... So it can get quite expensive.
  - Lameness:
    - Workups vary in price depending on how obvious the issue is. For an un-obvious lameness, you'll have an exam fee, nerve blocks, xrays and your bill might be \$300 to \$500, and from there you could have ultrasounds, and from there you would move to a specialty clinic for MRI, bone scan... The level of ultrasound and up has never happened to me or anybody here but it's not unheard of.