

Blanketing and Turnout Policy

Purpose

Due to the variety of weather conditions the Earlham College Stables have set out a blanketing and turnout policy to ensure the safety and comfort of all the horses in the program.

Policy

A. Temperature Specifications

1. The temperature specifications for blanketing and turnout will be determined by the comfort index.
 - a. Am workers should blanket and turn out according to the comfort index high for the day.
 - b. Pm workers should blanket and act according to the comfort index low for the night.

B. Blanketing policy for school horses

1. All school horses must have at least one waterproof blanket.
 - a. These blankets must be provided by the Earlham College Stables.
 - b. If none of the Earlham College owned blankets fit any given school horse, a blanket must be purchased for that horse at a reasonable cost.
 - c. Barn Staff is responsible for measuring, selecting, and ordering blankets in time for the winter months.
 - d. The blanketing specifications for school horses will be determined by the Horse Care Manager and posted on the horses' stall.

C. Blanketing Policy for Boarder Horses

1. Each boarder horse must have a blanket that is waterproof and available exclusively for that horse.
2. Boarders may choose the blanketing specifications for their horse to be indicated on their stall door.
3. Should the comfort index drop into the negative numbers, Earlham College Stables requires that boarder horses be blanketed until the comfort index rises above zero degrees.
4. Any boarder who does not have a waterproof blanket for their horse may rent one from the Earlham College Stables for the winter months.

D. Turnout Policy

1. Temperature and weather must be taken into consideration in determining when horses should and should not be turned out, for the safety of both the horses and the workers.
 - a. If 40% chance or more of thunderstorms, horses should not be turned out unless specified by a particular boarder. No worker is required to turn out any horse during a storm if he or she feels uncomfortable.
 - b. With a comfort index of 16° F or above all horses are turned out unless specified by owners.
 - c. With a comfort index between 15 ° F to 0° F no worker is required to turn out any horse. Horses whose owners have designated them for turnout at these temperatures may be turned out if workers feel comfortable doing so.
 - d. If the comfort index is less than 0°, the barn holds to a locked door policy. No horse, whether school owned or boarder, may be turned out. No outside barn related activities may take place. All horses should be blanketed.

E. Procedure for horses staying inside

1. All workers must alert co-op via the co-op email and call the Horse Care Manager and the Barn Manager when the horses are staying inside.
2. Workers must give all the horses extra hay unless otherwise specified by the boarder.
3. Workers must make sure each horse has at least 2 full buckets of water.