

## *A day at the barn...*



The UVM Cooperative barn program, operating out of the Ellen A. Hardacre Facility, is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to bring their horse to college and be directly involved in their care and upkeep. At the barn, members enjoy a relaxing atmosphere and the company of their favorite four-legged friend after a hard exam or taxing group project. This program is excellent for those looking to continue riding during college, gain barn management experience, and further their overall equine knowledge and expertise.

Various community events are held throughout the year including the Halloween Barn and an Easter Egg Hunt. Aside from the sanctioned events, the barn is open to the public daily. This welcoming environment fosters a positive relationship with the greater Burlington community.

All members enroll in Co-op Class, in which weekly meetings are ZW as well as an educational component held every other week. Aside from gaining perspective on different methods in equine management and care, members also learn to work cohesively in a group setting. Decision making, cooperation, and passion are at the heart of this program.

**Daily:** Members are responsible for their horse's care on a day to day basis while school is in session. This includes doing your horses stall, setting grain, and refreshing their water.

**Monday-Friday:** Shifts are broken into hourly blocks between 9 Sz and 4 bz. Barn members meet at the beginning of the semester to choose 3 of the hour blocks that fit into their semester schedule. Each block is covered by one member with the exception of turn-out and bring-in, where two members are on duty.

**Weekends:** Saturday and Sunday are divided into two larger 4 hour blocks. Each block is covered by a single barn member, with the exception once again for turn-out and bring-in where a second barn member is on the shift.

**Vacations:** The barn remains open during school vacations. During this time, two members will run the barn daily starting with feeding at 7 AM all the way through bring in at 4 PM. The two members on for a particular day are responsible for all daily barn chores as well as cleaning all of the stalls.

**Night Check:** Between the hours of 9 and 11 bz, two members are responsible for haying and watering the horses for night check. This is a once a week duty on a two week rotational schedule.

“The barn has always been my great escape from everyday life on campus. Whenever I'm having a bad day, I know I can go to the barn where my horse and friends will be waiting to turn my day around!”

*Katie Barton, Class of 2015*



“Having my green mare at the co-op has been so wonderful in continuing her training. With such a diverse group of girls with a wide range of experiences, I have truly been able to grow as an equestrian and an individual.”

*Kayla Silver, Class of 2014*



“Being a part of a cooperative barn is such a unique and fun experience! I love playing such a big role in my horse's life. The bond between my horse and I has grown substantially and I have developed amazing friendships with the other barn members.”

*Gelsey Lee, Class of 2017*



## The Facility

A generous donation by Amy Tarrant, the Ellen A. Hardacre Equine center is located at the North edge of the Paul Miller Research Complex.



Featuring:

22 10 x 10 Stalls with rubber matting

220x 110y Outdoor arena

72x 168y Well lit indoor

Flexible group turnout (electric fencing)

Indoor washstall with hot/cold water

Heated tackroom with storage lockers for each horse

Overhead hayloft with extra storage



The University of Vermont

## Application Information

- Written application- horse history, behavior, etc.
- Veterinary records- proof of rabies vaccine and current negative 5ogginns
- Two lettereof recommendation- one for your horse, and one for yourself
- 1 to 2 page essay explaining what the term “cooperative” means to you
- Full body color picture of your horse
- Signed risk release and required signature form

The application can be found at:  
<http://asci.uvm.edu/horsebarn/>

Submit your application online or send a hard copy to:

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## *UVM Horse Barn Cooperative*



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