

Rendaivu Horse and Stable Management Software

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ONLINE DATABASE WITH TABS/FORMS FOR COMPLETE HORSE RECORD KEEPING

<http://www.rendaivu.com/index.php>

This is a FREE on-line equine record keeping system which allows a private horse owner or manager of a large stable operation to keep track of horses, clients, expenses, and just about anything you would need to keep records on related to an individual horse or an equine business. It is the most comprehensive and user friendly stable management system that I have tried so far. At Deseos Arabians & Miniatures LLC we have 39 horses on site which are a mixture of: privately owned by us, in for training, being boarded, or being fostered and/or rehabilitated for Ruby Ranch Horse Rescue. I had become so frustrated with stable management software that I had purchased in the past that I had started creating my own record keeping systems from scratch. Besides horse care we also teach riding lessons, and I continue my own education by training with advanced instructors. I wanted a system to log everything horse related. I wasted my money on a lot of software that promised to be comprehensive and then did not meet my record keeping needs, and was not user friendly.

I actually stumbled upon Rendaivu during an online search of "equine records, horse records, horse record templates" for a project I was completing in a Stable Operations class that I was attending in September 2010. I put one "sample" horse into the online database to test it out. I was so pleased with it and found it to be so detailed and easy to use that we now have all horses on our property entered, as well as all our students, my continuing education records, and all of our expenses and income. It is easy to generate and print reports broken down just about any way you would like and there is an event calendar option which will send you an email reminder of vet appointments or anything else you have placed in it.

The main record tab headers are: My . . . Horses, Calendar, Stables, Expenses, Income, Contacts, Journal, Photos, Backup, and Profile. When one of these is clicked on it brings up numerous other tabs supporting the main header. For example clicking on the "My Horses" tab brings up a list of each horse's name with a photograph. When you click on an individual horse you then get the following tabs: Profile, Stables, Training Records, Performance Records, Racing Records, Reproductive Records, Health Records, Journal, Pedigree, Permissions, Transfer Ownerships, and Reports. That is not all! Now if I click on one of these tabs you get even more details. For example, if I click on the "Health Records" tab, it brings up Bloodwork, Dentistry, General Health, Hoof Care, Leg Care, Vaccinations, and Worming. There are numerous layers to this program that are so comprehensive they have *almost* thought of everything. The program will even create stall placards for each horse with their picture and vital information on it. Rendaivu also has a place to upload pictures for each horse to have its own album.

The only way to really comprehend what this program has to offer is to login and start "playing with it". I still find functions and tabs that I didn't know were there. This system really has a lot to investigate once you starting working in it. Occasionally I find answers and about additional capabilities from other Rendaivu users who have pasted something on Rendaivu's Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rendaivu-Horse-and-Stable-Management-Software/240464211637>

In addition to being the owner and operator of Deseos Arabians & Miniatures LLC, I serve on the Board of Directors for Ruby Ranch Horse Rescue. When I shared information about Rendaivu with the rescue Director, Patricia Miller, she looked into the program and quickly started using it for their record keeping as well. Each individual person has their own login but by “sharing permissions” with each other we can all view records on individual horses at the rescue. The administrator can set permissions for “read only”, “read and write”, or “block” for each individual area (Tab) in that horse’s record.

The Rendaivu system will generate expense and income reports for you in many possible ways. You can break the amounts down by categories if desired such as horse purchases, tack, vet bills, feed, training & education, etc. for the overall operation, or print an expense report solely for an individual horse. This is already making tax preparation easier than ever before for our business. Other horse management computer programs I have tried are just not this thorough and comprehensive. Rendaivu does almost everything I want.

There are two versions available, an online (web-based) version and a desktop version. The online version is free and can be accessed from any computer that is connected to the internet; you just log in from anywhere and have access to your records. It is easy to get registered or signed up for use and no credit card information is requested. Personal information requested to get set up as a user is very minimal. The desktop version costs about \$99 last time I checked and will work only on the computer that you install it on.

LIKES: Works great, is easy to use, the web-based version is free, takes less than a minute to set up your initial account! This site is thorough; there seem to be tabs for nearly everything you could think of to document about your horse. You can upload pictures of each horse, there is a calendar to post horse related events on. It is actually a really user friendly system and surprisingly detailed for a free service. When I emailed Rendaivu with a question someone did get back to me with an answer.

DISLIKES: There are some records that I keep for my horse with no “category tab” in Rendaivu such as “feed & supplements” and “behavior”. I currently just log each horse’s feed ration and any changes to their diet down in their “journal” and any behavior notes I put under “training’. I also discovered that if a record is accidentally deleted there is no way to retrieve it and no “undo” function in the system. The desktop and online versions do not connect or sync up so if information is entered online you would also have to enter it on the desktop if you are keeping records both places. When I contacted Rendaivu with a technical question they did respond but it was about a week or longer before I received any communication.

Overall I recommend this program. I am using it literally every day both at my business and for the horse rescue.