



### EXPLANATION OF CHARGES

**Often clients call with questions about their bills. Here are some explanations to some of the most common questions.**

#### **Chute Fee**

The Chute Fee has gone by many names: Farm Fee, Stallion Service Fee, Etc. We have elected to use the term Chute Fee to be consistent with the breeding industry. The Chute Fee does cover the cost of collecting a stallion: employees, supplies, lab equipment, etc. But it actually covers a lot more than that; also included is the time for the office ladies to make, send out, receive/process contracts. It includes the staff and time on the back end of a breeding to collect mare status reports, fill out and file the Stallion Breeding Report, etc. Because it covers so many aspects that are necessary to successfully breed, record and register, hopefully this explains why we charge it for each contract, whether it is fresh, cooled or frozen.

#### **Medical Equipment Fee**

At the 6666 Ranch, we strive to continue to offer the consistent, foundational, proven services to customers that we have been known for. With that, we also strive to be a leader in the industry and that includes the use of cutting-edge technology. This fee is designed to ensure your mare or stallion is taken care of with absolutely the best medical equipment on the market. This Medical Equipment Fee has always been charged here. Previously it was known as the One Time Ultrasound Fee.

#### **Mare Management Fee**

The Mare Management Fee is only for mares that are bred here on the ranch to outside stallions. This fee covers the time for recording and reporting that takes place when a mare is bred via artificial insemination. It also covers the time involved in getting on the books, ordering semen, coordinating courier, etc.

#### **Shipping Fees**

Our shipping fees cover both the cost of shipping as well as any processing costs involved in such shipping. These fees apply to both offsite mares being bred to our stallions and to our onsite mares being bred to outside stallions. When semen is being shipped to us, the client is responsible for the cost of sending the semen container back to the breeding farm from which the semen was ordered. While our fees are set, they are subject to change due to any unusual circumstances or additional expenses incurred by us during the shipping process.

#### **Frozen Semen Charge**

When we breed a mare with frozen semen versus fresh or cooled semen, there are a lot more steps involved: Set up, every 6 hour palpations, and frozen breeding. The supplies, expertise and technical skills involved with breeding frozen semen are more involved as well. Because of all the added steps, this is why we add this charge.

#### **Chute Runner Fee**

We do have the facilities, knowledge, and skills to be able to 'chute run' a mare that is not halter broke. This however is more dangerous for the staff and veterinarian, and it also consumes a lot of time during the middle of breeding season. To that end, any mares that require being chute ran will incur this fee. It is a one-time fee, not a

per cycle fee. Also, commonly these mares require sedation or relaxants in order to facilitate palpation and breeding. Those charges will be billed out separately based on amount and individual case.

### **Stallions in Training/Showing**

Please note that some of the stallions we stand may be out showing or at a trainers. This will be denoted in the contract when you sign it. For these stallions, we will do our best to get fresh/cooled semen, but there will be shipping charged incurred that you need to be aware of. Also, on occasion, the stallion is at a show and there are no local veterinary clinic/breeding farm options for us to utilize to collect fresh/cooled semen. In those cases, we will work with you or your veterinarian to see if frozen semen is an option.

### **Shipped in Embryo Booking Fee**

This fee covers the cost of reserving a recipient mare for the current breeding year as well as synchronization/reproductive management of the recipient mare and preparing the embryo for transfer.

### **Vitrified Embryo Booking Fee**

This fee covers the cost of reserving a recipient mare for the current breeding year as well as synchronization/reproductive management of the recipient mare and preparing the embryo for transfer.

### **Vitrified Embryo Thaw Fee**

This fee covers the cost of the media and necessary supplies involved in thawing the vitrified embryo.

### **Embryo Transfer Flush Fee**

This fee covers the cost of reserving a recipient mare for the current breeding year as well as synchronization/reproductive management of the recipient mare. In addition, this also covers the cost of flushing the embryo from the donor mare and preparing it to be transferred into the recipient mare.

-This is a one-time fee. There is an additional charge for every flush after the first flush to cover the cost of materials and time.

### **Embryo Transfer Fee**

This fee is charged when the embryo is successfully transferred into a recipient mare and the recipient has been found to be heartbeat positive. Also included in this fee are the materials and time involved with transferring the embryo.

### **Recipient Mare**

This fee is a combination of a lease fee and a retainer fee for a 6666 recipient for the time of pregnancy to weaning. A portion of this fee will be returned to the client if the recipient is returned by December 1<sup>st</sup> of her foaling year in good health and flesh. The returned portion is considered a retainer while the kept portion is considered the lease fee.

**We wanted to thank you for your business. But not just that, we hope to really express the depth of gratitude we have for you trusting us and using our stallions/reproductive services. You are part of the ranch family and the 6666 Ranch legacy. We appreciate you!**

*Thank you!*