**Riding for the Disabled Association Top End**

**Commitment to Accessibility and Inclusion**

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At Riding for the Disabled Top End, we are dedicated to creating an inclusive and accessible environment for all individuals, including those with varying abilities. We believe in the transformative power of horse riding and are committed to ensuring that this experience is accessible to everyone.

**Our Commitment:**

**Equine-Assisted Accessibility:**

We are committed to providing an inclusive and accessible equine-assisted experience. Our facilities, programs, and services are designed to accommodate riders with diverse abilities.

**Adaptive Riding Equipment:**

We invest in adaptive riding equipment and technologies to ensure that individuals with different physical and cognitive abilities can participate safely and comfortably in our programs.

**Inclusive Rider Programs:**

We offer inclusive rider programs that cater to diverse needs. Our coaches are trained to adapt teaching methods to ensure each rider can benefit from various equine experiences.

**Accessible Facilities:**

We strive to maintain facilities that are physically accessible to all. This includes accessible parking, ramps, and restrooms, ensuring our premises are welcoming and accommodating.

**Communication and Engagement:**

We are committed to providing information about our programs and services in accessible formats. Our communication channels are designed to be inclusive, and we actively seek feedback to enhance our practices.

**Volunteer and Staff Training:**

We provide ongoing training for our volunteers and staff to raise awareness about the diverse needs of our riders. This training equips our team to create a supportive and inclusive environment.

**Collaboration with the Community:**

We collaborate with the RDA community, the disability community, stakeholders, and accessibility experts to continuously improve our practices and promote inclusivity in equine-assisted activities.

**Feedback and Contact:**

We value your input. If you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns about accessibility or inclusion at our centre, please contact us at admin@rdatopend.org.au.

Together, we are dedicated to making the joy of horse related activities accessible to everyone, fostering a community where individuals of all abilities can thrive.