Job Description

POSITION TITLE: Horse Handler
REPORTS TO:Volunteer Manager
CURRENT AS OF: January 2018

POSITION SUMMARY: Assist staff and other volunteers with leading equines outside of classes, including participating in turn in and turn out, helping to ready equines for a class, and helping to put equines away after a class. **Horse Handlers will not have responsibility for an equine during classes.**

JOB DUTIES

- Participate in turn in and turn out.
- Collect equine from the appropriate stall or pasture using the Buddy System.
- Groom and tack equine as directed by instructor.
- Lead the equine to the arena as specified by the instructor and hand over to volunteer or staff responsible for equine during class.
- Maintain safety outside of the arena by keeping equine at a safe distance from other equines, people, fences and other objects.
- Un-tack equine as directed by instructor.
- Take the equine back to the appropriate stall or pasture, using the Buddy System.
- Follow all instructor and staff directions.
- Ensures compliance with all Hearts & Horses policies.
- Work as a team with staff and volunteers.

QUALIFICATIONS

- **Time Commitment**: Be able to commit consistently to at least one shift a week of at least 2.5 hours a shift. Shifts are available in the morning, afternoon and evening, each day of the week, including weekends.
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, unless an exception is made for extensive equine experience.
- All volunteers must participate in a Horse Handler training and pass a Horse Handler Assessment prior to volunteering.
- Able to frequently sit, stand, walk, bend and lift up to 50 pounds.
- Able to physically react with agility and swiftness to maximize control of the equine.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed and are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and/or skills that may be required. Hearts & Horses holds the right to terminate volunteers if not meeting requirements and responsibilities set forth in this job description, or if a volunteers violates the volunteer policies or code of ethics.