

HEARTS & HORSES

Therapeutic Riding Center



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Job Description

POSITION TITLE: Horse Handler

REPORTS TO: Volunteer Manager

CURRENT AS OF: February 2020

POSITION SUMMARY: Assist staff and other volunteers with leading equines outside of classes, primarily by participating in turn in and turn out.

JOB DUTIES

- Participate in turn in and turn out.
- Collect equine from the appropriate stall or pasture using the Buddy System.
- Lead the equine to the appropriate stall or pasture as specified by the staff member running turn in and turn out, using the Buddy System.
- Maintain safety by keeping equine at a safe distance from other equines, people, fences and other objects.
- 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 1 hour a shift. Shifts are available in the morning and afternoon, 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.
- 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 volunteer violates the volunteer policies or code of ethics.