



Equine Care Specialist/Trainer (Full-Time) Job Description

The Kentucky Equine Adoption Center is the largest all-equine rescue in Kentucky. The purpose of the center is to locate new homes for horses who have been abused, neglected, or surrendered by owners. We do this by providing for their needs, rehabilitating, and retraining them to make a successful transition to their forever homes. We're seeking qualified candidates to join our team and to help us grow!

Purpose of Position:

At the direction of the Barn Manager, the candidate will train or retrain the horses to develop skills necessary to become well-mannered companions or to reach the highest level of rideability possible. This training allows each equine, based on his or her specific needs and abilities, to be adopted to appropriate new homes. The most important responsibility for this position is caring for the horses residing at the Center. 50% of time is spent taking care of horses, and 50% of time is spent training them.

Responsibilities:

- Perform basic barn and horse chores: holding horses for veterinarians and farriers, medicating, daily cleaning and feeding.
- Train horses, based on a schedule provided by the Barn Manager, using a program emphasizing natural horsemanship.
- Record notes of each training session on forms provided by the Center.
- Upon request, show and ride horses for prospective adopters.
- Help in times of equine emergency and disasters as requested by Barn Manager.
- Be available to assist in special events, open houses, and training opportunities as requested by management. Conduct simple presentations to students and assist with public tours.
- Assist in "Take the Reins Education Program" and "Heads Up Hearts Open Equine Growth and Communication Program" as needed.
- Perform other duties as assigned.
- Represent KyEAC in a professional and acceptable manner.

Qualifications/training required:

Equine training experience required, with an emphasis on natural horsemanship.

Previous hands-on experience with equines, including handling and care.

Physically able to perform manual and demanding labor.

Ability to work as part of a team in a positive manner; be able to work with minimal supervision.

Ability to work closely with volunteers as needed.

Arrive on time and be dependable.

A positive attitude a must.

Pay is competitive and there are opportunities for growth. Holiday pay, sick pay, workers comp, provided. Unlimited snacks, cold drinks and social activities make this a fun and exciting place to work.