

Strides Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

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Equine Manager – Volunteer Role

As an **Equine Manager** for Strides, you will be responsible for overseeing the care, health, and training of our horses to ensure their well-being and readiness for program activities. Your role will include managing daily feeding, grooming, and exercise routines, coordinating veterinary and farrier care, and maintaining safe and clean stable facilities. You will also work closely with staff, volunteers, and program participants to ensure a positive and safe environment for both horses and humans.

This position is ideal for individuals with experience in equine care and management who are passionate about working with horses and supporting Strides' mission. Your expertise and dedication will be essential in maintaining the health, safety, and effectiveness of our equine-assisted programs.

Position: Equine Manager

Organization: Strides

Location: in-person

Commitment: 20+ weekly

Position Overview:

Strides is seeking a knowledgeable and dedicated **Equine Manager** to oversee the care, well-being, and training of our horses. This volunteer role is essential in ensuring our equine partners are healthy, safe, and prepared for program activities. The ideal candidate will have experience in horse care and stable management, along with a passion for working with both horses and people in a therapeutic or educational setting.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee daily care routines of volunteers, including feeding, grooming, and turnout schedules.
- Monitor equine health and coordinate veterinary, dental, and farrier care as needed.
- Oversee the maintenance of clean and safe pens and pasture environments.
- Assist in training and conditioning horses for program activities.
- Work with staff and volunteers to ensure proper handling and safety protocols.
- Assess horse behavior, temperament, and overall well-being.
- Maintain accurate records of equine health, feeding, and training schedules.
- Support program sessions by ensuring horses are well-prepared and suited for activities.

Qualifications & Skills:

- Experience in equine care, stable management, or related fields.
- Strong knowledge of horse behavior, nutrition, and health care.
- Ability to handle and work with horses safely and confidently.
- Excellent organizational and communication skills.
- Ability to lift and carry feed, hay, and other supplies as needed.
- Experience in equine-assisted activities or therapy is a plus but not required.

Benefits of Volunteering:

- Work closely with horses in a meaningful and fulfilling role.
- Gain hands-on experience in equine care and management.
- Be part of a passionate team supporting a valuable mission.
- Help ensure the safety and success of equine-assisted programs.

If you are passionate about equine care and want to make a difference, we encourage you to apply as an **Equine Manager** with Strides!