



Horse Leader Job Description

Reports to: Volunteer Manager

Position Summary: To have responsibility for the horses before, during, and after sessions. Horse Leaders will prepare horses for classes, lead the horse during class, and put the horse and all equipment used away after class is over.

Qualifications:

- All Horse Leaders must have participated in both Sidewalker training and Horse Leader training, and must complete a Leader in Training Assessment.
- Must have horse experience, and able to be comfortable and safe around horses.
- Minimum age of 14.
- Able to walk with intermittent jogging for an hour at a time over uneven surfaces.
- Able to physically react quickly and calmly to maximize safety of the participant and control of the horse.
- Able to frequently stand, walk, bend, and lift up to 25 pounds.

Horse Leader Responsibilities:

- Advocate for the safety and comfort of the horse.
- Bring in horse from the pasture/stall before class starts and put them back after class is over.
- Groom and tack horse as directed by Instructor.
- Lead the horse in sessions as directed by the Instructor.
- Maintain communication with sidewalker(s) and/or rider.
- Participate in ongoing Leader trainings and continuing education opportunities.
- Work as a team with staff and other volunteers.
- Follow directions from Instructors.
- Ensure compliance with all Healing Reins policies.

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.