

## **Job Description**

**POSITION TITLE**: Horse Handler Volunteer **REPORTS TO**: Lindsey or Kassie Schuerr **CURRENT AS OF**: January 2019

**POSITION SUMMARY**: Assist staff and other volunteers with leading equines outside of classes, including participating in 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**

- Turn out horses.
- Collect equine from the appropriate stall 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.
- When appropriate, support instructor by relaying directions to the rider.
- Follow all instructor and staff directions.
- Ensures compliance with all Kingman's Healing Hooves 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 1.5 hours a shift. Shifts are available in the morning and in the afternoon, each day of the week, including weekends.
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, unless an exception is made for maturity.
- All volunteers must participate in a Side Walker training prior to volunteering.
- Able to frequently sit, stand, walk, bend and lift up to 50 pounds.
- Able to walk or jog for more than 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours over uneven surfaces
- Able to physically react with agility and swiftness to maximize safety of the rider and control of the equine.
- Able and willing to perform job duties under extreme weather conditions.

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. Kingman's Healing Hooves 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.