

## **Job Description**

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

**POSITION SUMMARY**: Assist Instructors and Horse Leaders in creating a safe learning environment for riders by supporting riders from arrival at Kingman's Healing Hooves until departure.

## **JOB DUTIES**

- Greet riders and help with helmet fitting.
- Aid instructor and horse leader during mounting, riding, and dismounting.
- Maintain safety in the arena.
- Walk beside the rider to provide stability assistance and verbal prompts as needed.
- 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  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  hours over uneven surfaces
- Able to physically react with agility and swiftness to maximize safety of the rider.
- 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.