

Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc.
3740 Rynex Corners Rd., Pattersonville, NY 12137
Phone: 518-887-3179
Web site: www.peacefulacreshorses.com

Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc.

Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that rescues horses bound for slaughter and also assists in cases of equine abuse, neglect and abandonment. Many of these rescued horses are trained as therapy animals and facilitate equine-assisted therapeutic services for children and adults with physical, emotional and developmental disabilities.

The time and attention that our volunteers spend at the farm is vitally important to the horses' well-being. Spending time grooming, nuzzling, speaking to, feeding treats to and cleaning of the horses stalls, scrubbing water buckets, and generally interacting with the horses all help to maintain a healthy, clean environment for the horses to live in, and an environment in which they become accustomed to human interaction. This in turn helps the horses to either enter training as therapeutic partners, or to be sponsored or adopted to loving new homes.

Once approved as a volunteer you will need to attend our Volunteer Orientation. This is a basic training session on safe horse handling procedures in the farm's environment, which you will need to complete before you begin your volunteer hours.

Volunteer training is held once a month.

You will be notified of the training dates in advance, but if you would like to know the next orientation date and time beforehand, please call the rescue at the number above, or visit our website at www.peacefulacreshorses.com.

Volunteers work under the guidance of the senior volunteer member on duty. A member of the rescue will always be available to assist you should a question or concern arise.

There are 3 main types of volunteers here at the Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc:

Large Animal Volunteer- This volunteer will have prior horse experience and will be allowed to assist with horse care and training, if appropriate.

Maintenance Volunteer – This volunteer will mainly interact with horses from outside a stall or fence and will consist of cleaning stalls, filling water buckets, feeding, and generally safe horse interaction.

Event Volunteer- This volunteer will assist Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. at local events. These are primarily information type positions. This volunteer position also assists with finding grant opportunities, fundraising opportunities, interaction with the public, social media, etc.

The following statements are a release of liability to Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc:

1. No comments should ever be made to the media by a volunteer. All questions are to be referred to a Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. Volunteer Manager, Executive Director, or President.
2. All volunteer applications must be approved by the volunteer committee and executive director before service may begin.
3. All Volunteers of Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. are representatives of the organization and must adhere to all the rescue guidelines.
4. Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc is not liable for any damage or theft to the Volunteer's property; personal property is the sole responsibility of the person to whom it belongs. Volunteers are encouraged to leave valuables and other personal property at home.
5. Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. is not liable for any personal injury and/ or illness to volunteers, volunteer's family, or anyone that may be accompanying them during their volunteer time. **An informed consent and liability form must be signed and included with the volunteer application to be considered.**
6. Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. reserves the right to deny anyone at any time the right to volunteer for any reason.
7. Any expenses incurred while volunteering are considered a donation and will not be reimbursed unless prior approval of the Volunteer Manager or Member of the Board. Any reimbursement costs must always be approved by the Manager before the expense has been incurred.
8. Any volunteer that is in direct contact with any Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. horse must have personal health insurance coverage. If the volunteer does not have health insurance, they are restricted to non-horse volunteering ONLY. Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. does not cover volunteer injuries.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____

Alternate Number: _____ - _____

Date of Birth (if under 18 years of age): _____

E-mail address (optional): _____

Do you have Personal Health Insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or other Health Coverage?

____ Yes ____ No

Are you affiliated with any animal related organizations? ____ Yes ____ No

If Yes, Please indicate the organization below:

Organization's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____

Contact Person: _____

How long have you been affiliated with this organization? _____

Occupation: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ - _____

In case of an Emergency, whom should we contact?

Name: _____

Phone Number : _____ - _____

Alternate Number: _____ - _____

How is this person related to you? _____

Have you ever adopted a horse from our rescue? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, which horse? _____

When? _____

Do you still have this horse? If not, why not? _____

Please check the following activities that interest you most:

_____ **Maintaining the rescue facilities**

_____ **EAL Program Assistant (see attached description)**

_____ **Exercise/training horses (non-riding)**

- _____ **Bathing and grooming horses**
- _____ **Providing off-site foster care**
- _____ **Staff an information table at various community events to promote PAH**
- _____ **Sell tickets, post flyers for upcoming events**
- _____ **Enter data in computer**
- _____ **Stuff envelopes**
- _____ **Assist with telephone campaigns**
- _____ **Serve on fundraising/event committees**
- _____ **Contribute articles to Newsletter**
- _____ **Horse care (experience needed)**
- _____ **Hay throwing, loading, stacking etc**

Briefly describe any experience you have had in handling horses or other animals (Include any information that will help to indicate your interest and experience with animals. For example: what pets, if any, do you have at home? Have you trained animals professionally or as a hobby?) _____

Volunteers over the age of 18 must complete the following sections. These questions are being asked for the protection of our volunteer staff and therapeutic clients.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please explain _____

I _____ certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. *I understand that any misleading or false information could lead to my immediate release.*

REFERENCES:

Please provide the names, company/agency, and phone numbers as references whom we can contact: (two personal references and one professional reference, please).

The following statement is a release of liability to Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc.:

I agree to hold Peaceful Acres Horses, Inc. and Nanci Beyerl harmless for any injurious act the animal(s) may commit. I have read and understand the Animal Shelter rules and procedures and I agree to abide by these rules and follow the procedures in which I have been instructed. I understand that any volunteer who violates the rules may be asked to leave.

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)