



MORNING & AFTERNOON EQUINE CARE

HPS WELCOMES YOU WITH A GRATEFUL HEART TO HELP CARE FOR THE HORSES!!!

Our attitudes towards the horses help to start to build trust. The horse is a prey animal, and we are predators. We have to convince the horse that we are not going to eat them and that we are going to protect them from danger. Once there is trust, a bond can be started to be built.

HPS feels it is essential to help you understand a few things about our rescued equine. Some of our horses come from good homes. In contrast, others have had traumatic existences, such as severe abuse and starvation.

HPS treats horses as we believe they should be treated. Horses never forget love, so they will remember if they have had people who loved them! HPS is a peaceful place that needs to remain that way for the horses and our volunteers.

HPS feels it is our job to help get each horse to a place of full recovery, to get them successfully and happily placed into a new quality home.

With all our hearts, we try to save each horse that comes to us. Unfortunately, it is not always possible.

WE WELCOME YOU HERE AT HPS TO BE PART OF THIS GREAT MISSION!

FEEDING AND HORSE CARE

Not every person can do the work necessary to care for these beautiful horses. We welcome everyone; **IF YOU HAVE LIMITATIONS**, please let us know.

New volunteers must know the horses and which stall is theirs to put the horses up for feeding.

The Main Feeder prepares the feed for the horses. They will set the pace as they feel is best for the shift.

1. TEND TO THE WATER IN WHITE TUBS

All tubs should be skimmed and filled only if the water is clear and doesn't have slim on the sides.

- Any tub with cloudy or dirty water that feels slimy or has a green coloring, should be emptied, scrubbed with a few drops of bleach added, rinsed well, and filled with fresh water.
- If a horse(s) is in the front or side field, check the water tubs in their area, clean, and fill them.

- If a horse is in the hospital/med stall, the tub must be cleaned and refilled during both the AM & PM shifts.

RED TIGHTENING PLUGS ARE USED IN MOST TUBS AS STOPPERS. THESE HAVE TO BE HELD DOWN AND THEN TIGHTENED TO FORM A SEAL

NEVER LEAVE A HOSE THAT IS TURNED OFF IN THE TUB

- It stiffens water back into the well and will contaminate the well.

PUMP HANDLES SHOULD BE SHUT OFF SLOWLY AND GENTLY

- Some handles need to be lifted back a bit to stop the flow of water
- IN WINTER: Heaters are added to keep water from freezing. When cleaning, unplug and remove the heater before cleaning, fill the tub, and return the heater to the tub.
- AM and PM SHIFT, hoses should be removed from the tap after filling the tubs and hung to let water drain to avoid freezing.

- **Feed bowls are located in each stall**

ALFALFA –BRAK UP, AND MIX ALFALFA CUBES

ESSENTIAL TO NOTE: To prevent the horses from choking on alfalfa (If severe enough, the horse may not be saved). The alfalfa must be broken up/ mixed carefully. Throw away any hard pieces that will not break up, please.

Follow the direction of the Main Feeder for feeding the horses.

SWEEP STALLS & CONDOS; *ADDITIONALLY*, BOTH BARNs NEED TO BE SWEEP OR BLOWN OUT.

WASH, DRY, AND PUT AWAY FEED AND ALFALFA BUCKETS.

CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE:

It is critical to alert the Main Feeder of signs of colic or choke.

Joanie must be alerted by the Main Feeder or concerned individual if the Main Feeder is unavailable.

A stethoscope must be used to listen for gut sounds as soon as these signs are noticed. If not taken care of immediately, it can lead to death.

COLIC SIGNS:

A STETHOSCOPE MUST BE USED TO LISTEN FOR GUT SOUNDS AS SOON AS THESE SIGNS ARE NOTICED. ***SEE JOANIE FOR STETHASCOPE!

COLIC: If a horse doesn't eat their food - Possible signs of pain may include;

Pawing
Curling Lip
Rolling
They may lie down and not finish the grain

ADDITIONAL SIGNS:

Gums are white or light pink and will slowly refill when pressed on.
Mouth is dry
They may have a change in demeanor,
Barely eats (It could be a possible sign of colic ***
EXCEPT for Tennessee Walkers who are very stoic and may not show signs of pain, same for Paso Finos.
Signs of neurological issues.

STEPS FOR COLIC: MAIN FEEDER WILL DIRECT THIS PROCESS

Halter and Lead should be put on right away
Put in hospital/med stall
Banamine can be given by the MAIN FEEDER ONLY (10 cc.)

CHOKING SIGNS:

Not eating
Coughing
Heavy Discharge from nose and mouth (most notably the nose)

The Main Feeder should be notified immediately when any horse shows severe signs of injury, is severely limping, presents with colic/choking, or shows very concerning signs. They will inform Joanie immediately after assessing.

PLEASE NOTE: Not all horses lying down have colic. Please do not get a horse up when they are lying down unless instructed to do so by Joanie or Main Feeder.

FEEDING AND HORSE CARE CONTINUED

AFTER FEEDING

- EACH HORSE REMAINS IN THE STALL UNTIL A HEALTH CHECK IS PERFORMED
- DONE BY BARN MANAGER OR MAIN FEEDER or JOANIE ONLY
- A Health Check is critically important to the well-being and care of the horses.

Over time, the main feeder may invite you to help in this process. to help in this process.

- **LET EACH HORSE OUT AFTER THE HEALTH CHECK AND HOOF CLEANING IS COMPLETE.**

IN SPRING, CHECK FOR BOT FLY EGGS. They are to be removed in the driveway only.

**** IN SUMMER, FLY MASKS AND LEG WRAPS SHOULD BE APPLIED TO ASSIGNED HORSES (SEE LIST LOCATED IN FEED ROOM)**

**** IN WINTER and spring WATCH & CHECK FOR LICE; EXTREME ITCHING & HAIR LOSS ARE SYMPTOMS,** Special mixture is used to wash horses.

Everyone who gives their time does so for different reasons; as a mission to help horses, to broaden their community, to find a peaceful place to make a difference, and the list goes on...

Here at HPS, we would like to form an environment that, most importantly, helps the horses recover and thrive. We also hope to give the volunteers a place to escape the world and make a difference in a comfortable way. There is no ego, showmanship, or quest to be the herd's leader; it's about enjoying your time here.

We welcome questions, and we are more than willing to hear concerns.

We have compiled a list of the volunteer tasks we welcome help with. If there is a particular task you would like to help with, please let us know.

HPS VOLUNTEER LIST

A set day(s) are preferred; If you wish to be part of the AM/PM Feed, you can come on the day(s) that work best for you. It is helpful to us to know if we have people willing to volunteer on a consistent basis, no matter the time you have available.

If you decide to volunteer for the AM or the PM Feed, it is essential to notify us if you are unable to come on the day(s) you have scheduled. Please inform the Main Feeder in advance.

MORNING FEEDING 7 am / Monday – Sunday

Putting up the horses in their stalls, helping prepare alfalfa, feeding the horses, cleaning the water tubs, bringing hay to the front condo stalls, mucking and sweeping condos, stalls, barns, and cement walkways in barns 1 & 2, washing the feed buckets, emptying the wheelbarrow and helping with the horse's needs.

AFTERNOON FEEDING 3 pm / Monday -Sunday

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OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Helping the barn manager with tasks; may include fence mending, cleaning hay feeders, minor maintenance and repairs, cleaning the barns and condos, washing the horses' feed bowls, and cleaning the feed room and barns. Tend the flower gardens and food gardens and many more activities.

GENERAL GARDENING – Pulling weeds, Planting, tending, and watering

VEGETABLE GARDEN – Tending to the vegetable gardens to keep them free of weeds, planting and watering

LAWN CARE – Weed control/pulling weeds that can hurt the horses from the pastures and pen areas and raking leaves

MAINTENANCE – General maintenance and repair in all areas of the barns, condos, arena, and other areas within the facility/property in need

EQUIPMENT – Help clean and maintain

PRESSURE WASHING

SPECIAL TIMES OF YEAR – Washing horses,

TAKING PICTURES OF THE HORSES FOR HPS USE –

ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

NEWSLETTER

HELPING WITH FUND-RAISING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Thank you for your time to help make the Horse Protection Society a CONTIUAL SUCSES

