



## ***Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center***

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### **Dear Potential Volunteer,**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Good Shepherd Horse Rescue & Learning Center! We are thrilled that you want to be part of our mission to care for and support horses in need. Whether you have years of experience with horses or are just beginning your journey, we welcome you to our peaceful and supportive environment.

### **About Volunteering**

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to help with essential daily tasks, including:

- ✓ Mucking stalls
- ✓ Cleaning and refilling water buckets
- ✓ Mucking arenas
- ✓ Feeding and caring for the horses

As you become familiar with our programs and get to know our horses, additional opportunities will become available, such as:

- ✦ Moving horses between pastures and stalls
- ✦ Grooming and basic horse care

For those interested in expanding their skills, we also offer clinics for a small fee where you can learn more about working directly with the horses and even riding.

### **Getting Started**

To begin the volunteer process, please fill out the attached application and return it to Kathy, who will review it and schedule you for volunteer orientation. This orientation will introduce you to our facility, safety guidelines, and volunteer expectations, ensuring you feel confident and prepared in your role.

### **A Place to Learn & Grow**

At Good Shepherd, we strive to create a calm and healing environment for both our horses and our volunteers. We believe that working with horses can be an incredibly rewarding experience, offering a sense of connection, purpose, and personal growth.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are excited to welcome you and look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make!

Thank you for your interest,

**Kathy Reinstra**

**Good Shepherd Horse Rescue & Learning Center**

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[www.gshmhorse rescue.com](http://www.gshmhorse rescue.com)

## ***Volunteer Application***

### ***Welcome to Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center!***

1. Email \_\_\_\_\_
2. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you 18 years of age or older? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no
6. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
7. Social Media Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Availability (Circle all that apply)
  - AM (7am - 9:30am)
  - Afternoon (11:00 - 1:00)
  - PM (4:30 - 6:30)
  - Anytime!
9. Days Available (Circle all that apply)

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday      Sunday

10. We request all volunteers commit to at least 2 days per month. This helps with scheduling and ensuring all shifts are covered. Please let us know which days and shifts you are committing to \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you are unable to commit, we are happy to give a tour until you have availability.
- Thanks!

11. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, please explain:

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12. Have you ever been convicted of sexual offense or a crime against children? Yes No
13. Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty or neglect? Yes No
14. Please describe any experience you have with horses, include details such as haltering, leading, riding, etc. Also include the number of years of experience, if you do not have experience, that is fine!

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15. Are you able to lift a 50 pd bag of feed? Yes No

16. Are you able to lift a 100 pd bale of hay? Yes No

17. Please list any skills you have other than horse experience - such as welding,  
painting, etc.

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### **Emergency Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in horsemanship clinics -** yes no

### ***Disclaimer***

I agree to perform volunteer work for Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center Center (also known as Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue GSHM). In doing so, I agree to comply with all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center. I understand that my failure to do so may result in my immediate termination as a volunteer.

I understand that my services are provided strictly on a volunteer basis, without pay or compensation of any kind, and without liability of any kind for Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center. All services I perform shall be at my own risk, and I understand that no medical insurance or workers' compensation coverage are provided for me as a volunteer.

I recognize that by performing in-service volunteer duties there exists a risk of injury up to and including death. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center., its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, causes of action or demands of any nature or cause; including costs and attorney fees incurred or sustained by me in connection with the same, based on damages or injuries which may be incurred or sustained by me in any way connected with performing services for Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center. Such damages or injuries include but are not limited to those caused by accidents or injuries. I certify that I am responsible for my own medical coverage and that I agree with the above statements.

I understand that public relations are an important part of volunteering with Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors, I grant permission for use of any photographs of myself while performing volunteer work to be used for promotion or public relations.

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Print Name

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Signature

## **Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center**

**"PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, RELEASE, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK." "BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, YOU ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO ITS TERMS".**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, in consideration of the services of Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center (Also known as Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue), their officers, directors, agents, affiliates or representatives hereby agree to release and discharge the above stated organizations, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

I understand and acknowledge that the activity I am about to voluntarily engage in as a participant and/or volunteer bears certain known risks and unanticipated risks which could result in injury, death, illness, or disease, physical or mental, or damage to myself, to my property or to spectators or other third parties. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks:

A horse may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person and saddles or bridles may loosen or break, all of which may cause the rider to fall or be jolted, resulting in serious injury or death.

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a dangerous activity and involves RISKS that may cause SERIOUS INJURY AND IN SOME CASES DEATH, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of horses, regardless of their training and past performance.

I voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the use of the horse, equipment and gear provided to me by any of the organizations.

I RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE any of the above listed organizations doing business under their own name or any other name and/or any of their owners, officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter referred to as "staff"), for any loss, liability, damage, or cost whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to my person or property.

I release the "staff", from any claim that such "staff" are or may be negligent in connection with my riding experience or ability, including but not limited to training or selecting horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjustment of saddles or bridles, instruction on riding skills or leading and supervising riders.

I INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above-mentioned organizations and their employees and agents against any loss, liability, damage, or cost that may incur arising out of or in any way connected with either my use of the horse and any equipment or gear provided therewith or any acts or omissions of wranglers or other employees or agents.

I agree to abide by and follow any instructions given or rules established by " Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue", any of their affiliates, or any of their employees, my use of the horse or any equipment or gear provided therewith.

I certify that I have sufficient health, accident, and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage I may incur while participating in this event and to cover bodily injury or property damage caused to a third party because of my participation in this event. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of personally paying for all such expenses or liability.

I represent that, to the best of my knowledge, I am not pregnant and acknowledge that the above referenced organizations prohibit pregnant women from riding unless they provide written Doctor's permission to ride in any of their events.

I represent that, to the best of my knowledge, I do not have a health condition that would make it inadvisable for me to participate in equestrian activities, and that I am not under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, which are prohibited on any venues or properties upon which the above referenced organizations are utilizing for an event.

**\*\*Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned expressly agrees that the foregoing release and waiver of liability, assumption or risk, and indemnity agreement is governed by the State of Arizona and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by Arizona law, and that in the event any portion of this agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the balance of the agreement shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect.

I acknowledge that this document is a contract and agree that if a lawsuit is filed against "Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center", or their owner(s), agents, employees, guides or wranglers for any injury or damage in breach of this contract, the undersigned will pay all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the organizations in defending such an action.

I further acknowledge and agree that all photographic images and/or videos which are taken of me at any event sponsored and/or held by Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue may be used by any of the organizations for future promotional purposes without any additional compensation to myself or my minor child/children, and that this is an unconditional release for such use.

**Warning: UNDER ARIZONA LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO ARIZONA STATUTES. (Primary Citation: AZ ST § 12-553)**

**(Alternate Citation: A. R. S. § 12-553)**

I AGREE to the following in consideration for my participation in any Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse Rescue, event:

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in this event with my horse or a horse from Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center as a rider, driver, handler, lessee, owner, agent, trainer, auditor or as parent or guardian of a minor participant. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse activities involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss and serious bodily injury, including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering or death ("harm"). **I AGREE to release and hold harmless Good Shepherd Horse Rescue and Learning Center, and any clinicians, organizers, officials, employees, volunteers, agents, personnel, officers, directors or affiliated organizations** from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the above mentioned individuals or organizations. I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the above-mentioned individuals or organizations. I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the above-mentioned individuals & organizations and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse at this event. If I am a parent or legal guardian of a minor participant, I consent to the child's participation and **AGREE** to all the above provisions and **AGREE** to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf.

**"MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT; UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY; UNDERSTAND THAT IT AFFECTS MY LEGAL RIGHTS; AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND IT IS A PROMISE NOT TO SUE AND IS A RELEASE AND INDEMNITY FOR ALL CLAIMS."**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**If participant is a minor (under 18), signature below of parent or legal guardian is required. Signature above will be that of minor child(ren).**

Parent or guardian - Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Volunteer Information – Areas of Interest (check all that apply)**

☐ Horse Care ☐ Fundraising ☐ Clerical/Administrative ☐ Assist with Special Events

**For Office Use Only**

**Volunteer Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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