



EQUINE SPECIALIST

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Equine Specialist
REPORTS TO: Equine Director
HOURS: Full Time or Part Time, Seasonal
(Apr 1 – Oct 31)

WAGE: \$23–28/hour, DOE
BENEFITS: Health Reimbursement
Arrangement (\$529.17/month individual;
\$1,066.67/month family); IRA matching
upon qualification

OVERVIEW: The Equine Specialist (ES) executes morning and weekend equine care for all equines at Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding (currently 12+ equines) as directed by Equine Director. The ES is responsible for providing the most excellent care to our herd including but not limited to the cleaning of horse pens, implementing a specialized feed regimen catered to each equine, and providing clean water for equines. An equine's satisfactory performance depends on quality daily care. The ES provides the day-to-day basic care of JHTR's herd to ensure that equines are in optimal condition for safe, effective, and enjoyable therapeutic equine activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Excellent work ethic is necessary.
- Ability to treat animals with respect is required.
- A high level of organization and attention to detail as well as flexibility.
- Ability to manage one's time effectively, being able to work alone as well as part of a team.
- Problem-solving skills
- Personal maturity and ability to cope with multiple tasks and challenges required.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- Reliable transportation to and from facility.
- Pass background check.
- Ability to lift up to 100 lbs.
- Able to complete the following tasks:
 - Administer basic first aid
 - Administer bute and banamine in paste form
 - Recognize and address signs of colic

JOB DUTIES:

- Adhere to a dynamic maintenance plan for each horse, including specialized nutritional requirements.
- Responsible for haying, graining, and watering based on nutritional plans.
- Responsible for barn cleanliness and maintenance, including cleaning of stalls and feed shed.
- Monitor health and behavior of animals daily, and communicate any injuries, diseases, or abnormal behaviors to Equine Director.
- Assist with trailering and administration of basic medical treatment
- Assess each animal to ensure their nutritional needs are met and communicate with Equine Director to ensure proper documentation of their respective maintenance plans.
- Assist Equine Director in implementing individualized equine schooling regimens
- Continually inventory all equine supplies; coordinate delivery/purchase to maintain adequate levels without lapse.
- Assist with farrier, veterinary and dentistry appointments.
- Assist with worming and routine medication and/or Treatments.
- Support Equine Director in saddle fitting throughout the season and complete the necessary chart for instructors' use.
- Assist with horse leader training and assisting in lessons as needed.

WORKING CONDITIONS

This position requires varied working conditions including working in the stalls, barn, and arenas in all weather conditions in the early morning hours as well as some weekend hours. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to stand for up to eight hours per day; walk to all points of the facility; frequently bend, climb, reach, and work with repetitive arm motions below, at, and overhead. They must be able to lift up to 100 lbs numerous times each day. Must be able to push and pull up to 75 lbs. Must be tolerant of continuous exposure to natural airborne allergens (dust, hay, pollen, etc.), stable odors and large animals. They will work both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions. Must have a valid Driver's license.

These physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.