



# Rocky's Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation

## Volunteer Rules

Welcome to the Rocky's Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation (RHRR) Volunteer Team! We are honored you've chosen to work with us and our Equine residents. RHRR is unique in that it is entirely run by a small army of amazing volunteers that donate their time and resources to the care of the animals we serve. We couldn't do what we do without you and are so happy to welcome you to the family. We hope you find your experience as rewarding as we have. Here you will find the rules of the Volunteer Program.

1. All volunteers must wear boots when around the equine. Please avoid wearing rubber rain boots or steel toe boots for your safety.
2. If you are sick or have a sick animal at home, please find someone to cover your volunteer shift and notify RHRR's scheduling coordinator.
3. Please leave training to the trainers, unless approved. Our Equine can come with a variety of behavioral issues. They will get the training they need when it's the right time.
4. Do not administer any medication, prescription or OTC, without the direct approval and instruction from Sharon or Danny. Do not modify medicine doses. If first aid is required, please use the first aid kits available after consulting with Sharon or Danny. If an emergency occurs that requires immediate attention, please notify them at the first available opportunity. If you are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with administering medication or first aid, please advise Sharon or Danny.
5. Remember that with rescues, there are times when the greatest gift we can give the animals is a peaceful and loving end. This is a difficult decision that is never taken lightly. Please do not argue or place judgment. It's hard enough as it is, and Danny, Sharon, and our exceptional Vet always make the best decision for the equine.
6. Please only use the supplies provided by the rescue. Do not bring grooming tools or medicines from home. Transmittable skin conditions can be passed that way.
7. Please only feed the grain and treats provided by the rescue. Do not modify feed amounts without direction from Sharon or Danny. And please remember to feed the animals in their assigned places. The equine can get very confused if their routine changes.
8. Do not ride any of the horses without permission. Many of our equine are not ready or safe to be ridden.

9. For everyone's safety we ask that guests not accompany you while volunteering unless they've been approved and have signed a waiver. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.
10. Animals in quarantine are strictly off limits, unless authorized. The quarantine process is important to the health and safety of all equines, staff, and volunteers.
11. Please take pictures of all grain containers and water troughs each time you feed and post to the Volunteer Page. Please include in that post when supplies are getting low. Also, remember to read the posts from the previous days so you are aware of any issues that have come up.
12. Our guidelines are in place for the health, safety, and rehabilitation of our rescues. Please adhere to all training, methods, and guidelines set forth. We value and appreciate your experience and time but require tasks to be performed according to Rocky's approved methods.

**Confidentiality Agreement:** All data, materials, knowledge, and information generated through, originating from, or having to do with RHRR, its animals, or persons associated with our activities, including contractors, clients, staff or vendors is to be considered privileged and confidential and is not to be disclosed to any third party. All pages, forms, information, designs, documents, printed matter, policies and procedures, conversations, messages (received or transmitted), resources, contacts, e-mail lists, or other information is confidential and the sole property of RHRR. Information, either documented or observed, regarding the animals in the care of the rescue is not to be disclosed to any third party, under any circumstances, without the consent of RHRR's executive board during, or at any time after, your participation in the Volunteer Program. Any disclosure or misuse of information, whether intentional or unintentional will result in disciplinary action and/or prosecution according to applicable laws.

By signing below, you acknowledge and agree to the rules. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in immediate removal from the RHRR Volunteer program.

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Volunteer Name

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Signature

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Approved By

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Date