



## Volunteering at Laughing Pony Rescue

Laughing Pony Rescue is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to rescue and rehabilitate unwanted and abused horses of all breeds. We are looking for dependable and responsible volunteers. All of our volunteers start at the same level and work their way up to ensure that you are comfortable and know how to interact with our horses. If you have any questions or are in doubt, please make sure to ask a fellow volunteer that has a red line under their name on the volunteer board. We want to make sure you and our horses are safe!

### **Contact Us**

Volunteer mailing list (email to find someone to cover your shift, etc.)

Email: [workerbees@laughingponyrescue.com](mailto:workerbees@laughingponyrescue.com)

Volunteer Co-Chairs and Coordinators (email with questions about volunteering, etc.)

Email: [volunteers@laughingponyrescue.com](mailto:volunteers@laughingponyrescue.com)

Fundraising/Marketing Chair (email with fundraising or marketing ideas or info on events, etc.)

Email: [fundraising@laughingponyrescue.com](mailto:fundraising@laughingponyrescue.com)

Celia Sciacca, President (email or call to contact Celia directly for business calls, etc.)

Phone Number: (619) 920-2313

Email: [laughingponyrescue@gmail.com](mailto:laughingponyrescue@gmail.com)

### **When are volunteers needed?**

We need volunteers seven days a week. We have two shifts; one is in the morning from 7:30 to around 12:00. Our second shift is between 3:00 and 4:30 in the afternoons.

Please put your name and availability on the volunteer board and please put your information in the contact information notebook.

### **What do volunteers do?**

Volunteers help us with mucking stalls & the barn, feeding horses, grooming horses, preparing daily supplements, keeping the ranch grounds tidy.

We are also interested in people who can help with our therapeutic sessions, fundraising activities, outreach programs, and generally getting the word out about our organization.

## **Why is being dependable so important to us?**

Because LPR depends entirely on the help of volunteers, we need dependable people. Lessons and other activities are planned with regard to the volunteers scheduled for each day. Thus, if a volunteer cancels on short notice, LPR is in a difficult situation of not having enough help to guarantee the safety for the scheduled lessons. Of course, there is always a possibility of an emergency like falling ill, taking care of a sick relative or dealing with a broken-down car. However, being hung over after a party does not count as an emergency!

We ask that if you are scheduled and cannot make it on short notice please email the volunteer mailing list at [workerbees@laughingponyrescue.com](mailto:workerbees@laughingponyrescue.com) to find someone to cover for you. We ask that volunteers make every effort to make sure their shift is covered.

## **What do I do if I know that I will be on vacation or have long term plans?**

Vacations and other long-term plans (such as work or health-related issues) usually are not a problem if we know in advance. In this case please leave a note by your name on the volunteer board and email the volunteer mailing list at [workerbees@laughingponyrescue.com](mailto:workerbees@laughingponyrescue.com) so that other volunteers can cover your shift if they are available. If possible, we request you give us at least 2 weeks' notice so we can make sure your slot is filled.

**Your commitment is vital to our success and we greatly appreciate your contribution through volunteering.**



## TYPICAL DAILY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE AT THE RANCH

**Please be flexible because this schedule will change as the necessity arises. We will notify you of any changes.**

- Muck Stalls
- Feed Horses, Ponies and Donkeys
- Water Horses, Ponies and Donkeys
- Brush Horses, Ponies and Donkeys
- Clean and Wash Hay
- Clean and Maintain the Grounds
- Inventory Supplies
- Clean and Maintain Tools and Equipment

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Depending on your experience the Volunteer Coordinator will determine what activities best fit you and the needs of the ranch.

