

Spring Farm CARES – Large Animal (Barn/Farm) Caretaker

Spring Farm CARES is a non-profit Animal and Nature Sanctuary. Our barn is the home to horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, ducks and chickens. All these animals are with us because they had no other place to go. Most of them came from neglect situations or were no longer wanted, because they were considered “useless”. We specialize in the care of the “down and out”, the old ones who need a peaceful place to spend the rest of their years, and the ones who have special needs. Once these animals come to our sanctuary, they are guaranteed a place for life.

Our job - actually our mission and yours, if you work with us – is to care for these animals, their physical and emotional well-being, to enrich their lives, and provide them with a safe, kind, and loving forever home.

Job Description:

- Feed and water horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, ducks and chickens
- Clean (and de-ice in winter) watering buckets, troughs and feeders
- Lead animals to and from pastures
- Groom animals and daily observe their behavior for early detection of illnesses
- Clean stalls, paddocks, and other animal enclosures, and haul manure
- Keep large animal facility clean and orderly
- Load and stack hay
- General pasture maintenance, fence repair, and minor handyman’s work
- Other barn and/or farm chores as assigned
- Job requires demanding physical work, incl. repeated heavy lifting (up to 80 lbs.) throughout the work day
- Work needs to be performed in a barn, where it will be dusty, and/or out of doors, during all seasons and weather conditions

Requirements:

- Compassionate, responsible, and hardworking
- Good rapport with and caring attitude toward all animals
- Experience with horses and/or other farm animals required
- Must be able to correctly follow oral and written instructions
- Must be able to perform demanding physical work throughout the day
- Must work well independently as well as a member of a team
- Experience with driving tractors helpful or must be capable of learning
- Handy man’s skills desirable
- Job requires work on one or both weekend days and on holidays (2 days off/week)
- Valid NY State driver’s license

We Offer:

- Full time (40 hours/week) or part time (minimum 24 hours/week) position
- Paid time off as earned for hours worked
- Health and dental insurance for employees working 36+ hours/week – partially paid for by employer
- Retirement savings plan

Starting pay range: \$15.75 -\$16.00