



FARRM Special Needs Chore Volunteer

Role Description

You will be a part of an amazing team of humans that assists FARRM with general maintenance chores and duties in our special needs residents enclosures. This role includes manual labour.

Time Commitment

- Minimum 2 shifts per month, minimum 3 hours each shift (Monday-Sunday)
- Favourable to be able to commit for at least one year

Special Notes

- You will come in contact with feces, urine, dust, mud, dirt, and more. We require volunteers to come to their shifts regardless of the weather conditions (within reason). Please dress accordingly with proper clothing and footwear!
- You will come in contact with large animals and animals with disabilities.

Role Requirements & Expectations

- You will be expected to spend your shift:
 - Cleaning pens and enclosures
 - Changing residents bedding
 - Shoveling poop
 - Sweeping the barn
 - Filling water troughs
 - Moving hay/straw bales
 - Filling food storage bins
 - Folding blankets
 - Raking yards
 - Organizing inventory
 - Providing socialization and enrichment
 - Other duties as required

- We require all volunteers to be able to follow direction and pay close attention to detail regarding the animals' enclosures. All gates and doors must be quickly and securely shut behind you when you are entering and leaving a space. An animal escaping their enclosure or getting into an enclosure they are not normally in could result in very serious injury to both our residents and our volunteers.
- Volunteers are NOT permitted to enter the enclosures with food under any circumstances. Failure to comply with this rule could result in very serious injury to both our residents and our volunteers.
- Many of our residents have health concerns or require special care and routine. Volunteers must be able to follow specific directions and instructions when interacting with and handling our residents.
- Volunteers must be reliable, have a strong work ethic, and be able to follow directions.
- Volunteers must be physically capable of lifting a minimum of 40lbs.
- Although our residents are well socialized and domesticated, they are still livestock and interact differently than other animals you may be familiar with. Our residents can act unpredictably. Please approach and handle our residents with this in mind.
- Once you have committed to your shift, you are required to show up. FARRM has seen unfortunate, regular occurrences of volunteers cancelling and as a result, the animals' needs are neglected. Frequent cancelling of your shift will result in termination of your volunteer position.
- Volunteers are expected to communicate with the humans of FARRM and/or with the volunteer coordinator about any questions, issues, or concerns they may have.
- FARRM advocates a vegan lifestyle and out of respect for our animals, we request that vegan food products be consumed on the property whenever possible. Note that meat products are prohibited on FARRM's property.