



Barn Assistant

Why volunteer as a Barn Assistant?

As a Barn Assistant, you will be volunteering with a variety of barn animals, including chickens, horses, goats, pigs and sheep. Volunteering in this position will require you to work in hot or cold conditions and requires a lot of physical activity, including standing on your feet for long periods at a time, lifting, bending and using barn tools for cleaning. This position also has the opportunity to socialize, groom and handle the barn animals.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Feeding the animals, as instructed by Second Chance Ranch staff.
- Stall, kennel, paddock and general barn cleaning.
- Attend training sessions to stay up to date on best practices and ARL procedures.
- Grooming horses as needed.
- Socializing horses and other barn animals as needed.
- Helping with special events and camps as needed.

Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must be able to lift up to 50lbs.
- Must be able to bend, squat, kneel and stand for prolonged periods of time.
- Must be comfortable with being on your feet and moving around for prolonged periods of time.

Shifts

- Volunteers must sign up for shifts a minimum of 12 hours in advance.
- Shift times:
 - Monday – Sunday 8am – 10am, 3pm – 4:30pm

Trainings

- New Barn Assistants must first attend a position specific training held monthly.
- On-going training will be provided.

HOW TO APPLY

Current Volunteers: email volunteer@arl-iowa.org

New Volunteers: need to complete the new volunteer onboarding process

Skills (preferred, but not required)

- Previous barn animal handling experience
- Basic understanding of barn animal body language
- Self-starter