

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

What is a volunteer? A volunteer is a person who does some act without being under any obligation to do so and without being promised any compensation or remuneration for his or her services.

Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation (GG) is a 100% volunteer organization, and volunteer support is responsible for and necessary for its success. We could not exist as we do without the timeless giving and tremendous efforts of our equine loving friends.

We have a multitude of needs, and we can likely find something for everyone: horse care (feeding, mucking stalls and paddocks, filling and cleaning water troughs, and other tasks that need to be completed on a daily basis); facility maintenance (barn maintenance, fence checks, fence installation and repairs, weed control, tree maintenance, hazard watch, general maintenance and repairs, and other typical activities); fundraising and development; events; grant research and writing; administration/organization; outreach activities; special projects; etc. We need help with trailering/transportation, coordinating volunteers, event organization, processing adoption applications, checking references, doing site visits, and follow-up visits. We also have a need for very experienced riders, trainers, and handlers for horse training and development (hoof handling, socialization feral/wild horses, halter training, groundwork, saddle training, exercising, riding, and other related activities), as well as people with experience dealing with sick or injured horses. If you are not sure where you fit in, we can discuss to find out where your skills are best suited.

Volunteers that wish to work directly with horses are required to complete GG's Orientation/Basic Safety Training, which includes a brief tour of GG's facility, an introduction to the horses and some of their stories, an introduction to AAE's basic handling and safety practices to help assure volunteers are handling GG's horses consistently by utilizing GG's handling style, as well as utilizing safe handling practices.

Double G operates entirely by private donations and fundraising efforts. Due to the significant operational costs involved (including the insurance policies needed to utilize the help of volunteers), the fee for the orientation/basic safety training helps defray our insurance costs. Without insurance, we could not offer our volunteer opportunities (or implement new programs), and without volunteers, we could not do what we do. However, GG does not want the orientation fee to be a limiting factor. If the fee is not financially feasible, we offer orientation fee waivers on a case-by-case basis.

Due to the nature of general area/habitat and working with horses, for volunteer safety, GG requires that all volunteers wear work boots. GG also suggests long pants, long sleeves, gloves, a hat, and sun/safety glasses, when and where appropriate. Additionally, due to the inherent risk associated with horse-related activities, GG suggests volunteers have valid health insurance policy before participating in volunteer activities.

Thank you for caring about the horses!!

VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____ Phone (W): _____ Phone (C): _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Do you use Facebook?: _____ If yes, name: _____

Do you use Twitter?: _____ If yes, name: _____

Emergency Contact Name 1/Ph#: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Name 2/Ph#: _____ Relationship: _____

From whom/how did you hear about us? _____

Volunteer Interests:

_____ Administrative / Organizational Support

_____ Adoption / Foster Support

_____ Basic Care Programs (feed, groom, clean)

_____ Camps / Summer Camps

_____ Construction/Trades: _____

_____ Donor Activities

_____ Educational/Learning Activities

_____ Events

_____ Facility Maintenance

_____ Fundraising

_____ Grant Research and/or Writing

_____ Graphics/Design

_____ Instruction: _____

_____ Marketing / Advertising

_____ Mechanic

_____ Media

_____ Other Information / Interest(s): _____

_____ Outreach, Tradeshows, Expos

_____ Photography/Videography

_____ Prof'l Svcs (Vet, Farrier, CPA)

_____ Program Development

_____ Public Relations

_____ Social Media

_____ Tack Sale/Retail

_____ Technology / Computers

_____ Therapy Programs

_____ Train, Handle, Ride (Expert)

_____ Transport

_____ Veteran Programs

_____ Volunteer Coordination

_____ Welding

_____ Workshops

_____ Youth Programs

Program Participation Interests:

_____ Adopt (I want to adopt soon!)

_____ Camps

_____ Clinics/Workshops

_____ Corporate Sponsor

_____ Donate

_____ Education/Learning Programs

_____ Field Trips

_____ Foster

_____ Other Information / Interest(s): _____

_____ Home School Activities

_____ Instruction (Handling, Riding, Training)

_____ Newsletter

_____ Scouts

_____ Sponsor

_____ Therapy

_____ Veteran

_____ Youth Programs

Experience level: ___ Beginner/Novice ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Expert

Describe Interest/Experience: _____

What do you expect from AAE and your volunteer efforts?: _____

Describe your experience with horses, past and present. Use additional page, if needed: _____

Have you volunteered at a horse rescue/sanctuary before? If so, please describe: _____

Do you have any physical conditions that would limit your ability to perform heavy lifting, quick movement(s), activities in extreme weather (hot or cold), or other rescue related activities?: _____

General Availability:

Days:

___ Sun ___ Mon ___ Tue ___ Wed ___ Thu ___ Fri ___ Sat

Times:

___ Morning (8-12) ___ Afternoon (12-3) ___ Evening (3-6)

Notes: _____

Reason for Volunteering: _____

Affiliations (clubs, associations, etc.): _____

Please list two Non-Family References:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Alt Phone #:** _____ **email:** _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone #: _____ **Alt Phone #:** _____ **email:** _____

Confidentiality: Volunteer information provided to Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation is confidential, and will only be used for volunteer planning and coordinating purposes. Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corp. will not to disclose or distribute any information contained in these records beyond management volunteers, as needed.

I, _____ (Volunteer Name), declare the above information provided to Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corp. is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Volunteer Name (please print): _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If Volunteer is a minor (under 18 years old):

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____ **Relationship:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____ **Relationship:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation

Release of Liability and Waiver of Responsibility

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Due to the inherent risks of equine activities and equine-related activities, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine related activities.

The undersigned hereby releases, waives responsibility, discharges and covenants to not sue Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corp., its Representatives, Agents, Board of Directors, Instructors, Therapists, Aides, Volunteers, Employees, Sponsors, Land Owners, or Affiliates, jointly or individually, for any loss or claim as a result of personal injury or property damage which might arise from undersigned's participation in any program or activity directly or indirectly involving Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation, whether or not upon premises then occupied by Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation.

At any time that Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation does not own the premises it occupies but premises are leased or donated, the owner(s) of said premises are incorporated herein and held harmless by this Release and Waiver.

This Release and Waiver includes, but is not limited to, heirs, assigns, personal representatives or others who might seek to claim loss or injury on behalf of the undersigned.

I ACKNOWLEDGE that mounted and un-mounted equestrian activities, including but not limited to: working with a horse, handling, grooming, feeding, caretaking, riding a horse, driving or riding in a cart drawn by a horse, riding in a Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation vehicle, and other mounted and un-mounted equestrian activities, AND ANY ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE BEING AROUND HORSES are INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES, which involve a risk of injury. I ACKNOWLEDGE that I may sustain injuries. I EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RISKS involved in such activities and PARTICIPATE AT MY OWN RISK. _____ **(initial)**

I ACKNOWLEDGE that due to the nature of equestrian activities, accidents can and do occur, even if the utmost care and safety is exercised. I hereby, EXPRESSLY WAIVE, RELEASE, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corp., its Representatives, Agents, Board of Directors, Instructors, Therapists, Aides, Volunteers, Employees, Sponsors, and Affiliates, land owners, whosoever from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIM, LOSS, DAMAGE, COST, OR EXPENSE arising from, or attributable in any legal way to, ANY

NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION on the part of any such person or organization. _____
(initial)

I ACKNOWLEDGE that I have carefully read this waiver and release, and that I fully understand that it is a RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I, also, ACKNOWLEDGE that I am waiving any and all rights that I may have to bring a lawsuit in which I could assert claim against Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation and all the other persons mentioned for any damages caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties. I hereby consent to the terms of this waiver.
_____ **(initial)**

The undersigned acknowledges that Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation, its Representatives, Agents, Board of Directors, Instructors, Therapists, Aides, Volunteers, Employees, Sponsors, Land Owners, or Affiliates have relied upon the foregoing to grant permission to enter the premises and participate in the programs, care and handling of the animals there sheltered.
_____ **(initial)**

If undersigned is determined to be in any way detrimental and/or uncooperative with the policies and procedures of Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation, then in place for the safety and protection of the animals and other persons present, undersigned may be denied further permission to participate in the activities and programs of Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corp., wherever they may occur. Notwithstanding, the foregoing Release of Liability and Waiver of Responsibility shall remain in full force and effect. _____ **(initial)**

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE: I hereby grant to Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, those for whom Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation is acting, and those acting with its authority and permission by agreement or otherwise, which may include but is not limited to any individual, for-profit organization, and/or nonprofit organization (including, but not limited to, other animal welfare organizations) to whom GG chooses to grant authority and permission (each, a “Third Party Entity”), the absolute right and permission to copyright, in Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation name or otherwise, and/or use, re-use, publish, and re-publish video and/or photographic portraits of me or [Name of Minor] _____ (“Minor”) in which I/he/she may be included, in whole or in part, or composite or distorted in character or form, as well as any textual materials that I may provide to GG in connection therewith, of which I represent and warrant that I am the sole owner and copyright holder (collectively, the “Content”). The foregoing permission is given without restriction as to changes or alterations, in conjunction with his/her own or a fictitious name, or reproductions thereof, and in any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, trade, or any other purpose whatsoever. I also consent to the use of any printed matter in conjunction therewith.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless GG, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, or those for whom GG is acting, and all persons acting under its permission or authority by agreement or otherwise, including, but not limited to, a Third Party Entity, from any liability in the taking of said Content or in any subsequent processing thereof, as well as any publication thereof, including without limitation any claims for libel or invasion of privacy.
_____ **(initial)**

Should Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation change its name or relocate at any time, the foregoing shall remain in full force and effect. _____ (initial)

I/WE, the undersigned, have read and understand the foregoing agreement, warnings and Release of Liability and Waiver of Responsibility. I/WE further understand and agree that I/WE are assuming all risk attendant to working with a horse, handling, grooming, feeding, caretaking, riding a horse, driving or riding in a cart drawn by a horse, riding in an Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation vehicle, and other mounted and un-mounted equestrian activities, AND ANY ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE BEING AROUND HORSES. I/WE attest that all facts conveyed to Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation, either verbally or in writing, relating to physical condition, age and experience are correct and are being relied upon as such.

Volunteer Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
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Address	City	Zip
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Home phone	Alternate Phone	email
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I ACKNOWLEDGE that I have carefully read this waiver and release on behalf of my child or ward, and that I fully understand that it is a RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I ACKNOWLEDGE that I am waiving any and all rights that I have to bring a lawsuit in which I could assert claim against Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corp. and all the other persons mentioned for any damages caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties. Parents or guardians of Visitors/Volunteers/Participants will reimburse Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corp. for defense costs and any judgment associated with any subsequent lawsuit. I hereby consent to the terms of this waiver and allow my child or ward to participate as a visitor/volunteer/participant in the Double G Rescue and Rehabilitation Corporation.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if visitor/volunteer/participant is under 18 years of age)

Child Volunteer Name (Please Print)	Age of minor at time of signing	Date
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Father/Legal Guardian	Signature	Phone (Day)	Phone (Eve)
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Mother/Legal Guardian	Signature	Phone (Day)	Phone (Eve)
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Emergency Contact 1/ Relationship	Phone (Day)	Phone (Eve)
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Emergency Contact 2/ Relationship	Phone (Day)	Phone (Eve)
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