

Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary (KSAS) is dedicated to providing elder care and hospice for senior dogs, horses and poultry in a peaceful and serene sanctuary setting.

Part-time Animal Caregiver for Animal End-of-Life Care and Hospice

The Part-time Animal Caregiver position offers an opportunity for individuals to develop the skills to support elder and hospice animal care, and non-profit sanctuary operations. Caregivers enjoy an opportunity for hands-on learning of our comprehensive Wellness Care program in end-of-life care.

Please Note: Individuals who wish to be considered for the Animal Caregiver position must agree to a minimum one-year commitment. Caregivers should expect to work weekends and holidays, and be prepared for ongoing learning. The work is complex and highly structured to maintain consistent high standards of care. A 20-30 hour work week is required. The Sanctuary practices a sustainable and ecological approach to all aspects of care of the animals and surroundings.

This work requires a high degree of self-reflection, personal self-development and overall mental, emotional and physical fitness and stamina. An understanding of the Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary and commitment to its mission and goals is essential.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Able to consistently follow KSAS directives for animal care.
- Able to perform tasks that involve all aspects of daily care and the feeding of dogs, horses and poultry, as well as the maintenance of their living areas, inside/outside.
- Individualized feeding according to guidelines. Preparing high quality nutrition in accordance with our Wellness Care Program (special diets closely followed,) and follow up reporting.
- Maintaining clean and safe grounds and barns including poop scooping, raking, sweeping, shoveling, trash removal, scrubbing, watering, weeding, snow maintenance and other tasks.
- Thorough housekeeping to ensure the upkeep of a healthy, clean and organized interior living environment for the animals, which includes dishwashing, laundry, vacuuming, carpet cleaning and other tasks.
- Assist with animal health checks and maintain animal care plans.
- Observing, recording and discussing animal conditions and behaviors.
- Other tasks and duties as needed.

Experience/Requirements:

- Veterinary assistant, veterinary technician, nursing, nursing assistant or similar experience with animal, farm animal or human care.
- Demonstrates personal accountability to ensure that all assignments are completed effectively and in a timely manner.
- Accurate, appropriate, clear and concise hand written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong listening skills.
- Demonstrates the ability to create and encourage a positive work environment.
- Team player with strong interpersonal skills and ability to work well with a variety of people.
- Ability to work with changing priorities.
- Calm, pleasant and empathetic demeanor.

Physical Requirements:

- Able to perform strenuous manual labor.
- Able to work around large animals with barn tools and equipment.
- Able to work out of doors in extreme weather conditions.
- Able to easily bend, stoop, kneel, lift and carry large and awkward items up to 50 lbs.

Benefits:

- KSAS provides the opportunity to learn to be present and supportive in animal hospice care, and explore ones inner process surrounding death and dying.
- Develop knowledge of our exclusive Wellness Care Program.
- Opportunity to learn from and interact with our sanctuary animal residents.
- Living and working with like-minded and committed animal caregivers.
- Develop skills in emergency situations.
- Gain valuable experience to support interest in future nonprofit employment, especially within vegan, animal rights, and sanctuary organizations.

No smoking or drug use. Random drug screens required. Serious inquiries only. Respond via e-mail to kindredspiritsnm@earthlink.net with a letter of intent, resume and three recent professional references. No phone calls please.