



NEER North, Inc.  
New England Equine Rescue - North  
52 Ash St., West Newbury, MA 01985  
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## Volunteer with NEER North

NEER North runs with the help of volunteers and their invaluable contributions to the welfare of our equines. Whether you spend every day, one day a week, or one afternoon a month with us, we thank you all!!

To get involved, please:

- 1) complete the online Volunteer Application,
- 2) download and complete the appropriate release(s), and
- 3) download and read the Barn Rules.

Files can be downloaded by right-clicking on the buttons and selecting “save link as” to your computer. We’ll be right back to you to set up an orientation. Bring your signed Release to the orientation. Please note that if you are under the age of 18, you will need to bring the signed Minor Indemnification Form.

Volunteering at NEER North is a great way to help horses and other equines while keeping active, getting fresh air and making friends. We always need people to help with daily chores and projects at the farm.

**Riding is reserved for exercisers/trainers experienced with horses that have unknown and possibly difficult backgrounds. Riders must be approved, preference given to C-2 Pony Club level riders, and all must follow direction from the Equine Schooling Director.**

If farm work isn’t your cup of tea, we are also seeking volunteers with experience in administrative assistance, communications, grant writing, bookkeeping, and computers, as well as people to work at our booth during outreach events, fairs and horse shows.

Want to check out the farm first or have questions? Just email [volunteer@neernorth.org](mailto:volunteer@neernorth.org) for more information.

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### Liability

If you volunteer with us, please remember you do so at your own risk. All volunteers must sign a release form before working on the farm, as a reminder that all activities involving horses have inherent risks. Signs in the barn and paddock areas also remind volunteers and visitors that Massachusetts State Law protects operators, owners, trainers, promoters and others from liability for injuries or illnesses that result from an equine's behavior or health.

### Volunteer Information

Please be sure to review the barn rules on the website prior to the orientation.

All new volunteers must bring a hard copy of the waiver form to the orientation. If the volunteer is a minor, they must bring the Minor Indemnification Form signed by a parent and/or guardian. All minor volunteers must have a parent and/or guardian attend the orientation with them. Unfortunately, because of liability issues, we cannot have minor children under the age of 12 volunteer at NEER North.

Please drive up the driveway slowly as there are sometimes loose animals that roam the property, including chickens and sheep. Please do not block gates when parking. Do not block the dumpster and do not park in front of tack store or barn doors. Parking is to the right facing the white rail fencing.

Finally, at the first orientation, we respectfully ask that you be very aware around the horses. Some of our equines have not learned to trust people yet and can be unpredictable. Once you have started to volunteer, you will become familiar with the horses that are safe for interaction.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting you!

### Corporate Giving/Matching

Many companies offer a corporate giving or matching program for time volunteered. Inquire with your human resources, corporate citizenship or corporate social responsibility team to put NEER North on your list of supported organizations.

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