

Senior Groom

Do you want to work for a great team that always puts the horse first?

Where the equines are provided with the best possible quality of life based on their individual physical and psychological needs.

The Horse Trust exists to advance excellence in equine care and improve the quality of life of equids in the UK.

At our Home of Rest for Horses we specialise in providing retirement and respite for working horses and ponies. These hard-working equine public servants have served our nation in the Police, the Army or with charities that use horses to help people. We also provide sanctuary to horses, ponies and donkeys who have suffered from cruelty or neglect and who are in desperate need of specialist treatment and care.

We are looking for a full time Senior Groom to join our dedicated Equine Care Team which consists of Grooms, Senior Grooms and a Head Groom, overseen and managed by our Director of Equine Care.

Main Responsibilities:

- Supervising our Grooms and being their point of contact
- Working closely with our Veterinary Team to deliver individual care to our equines
- Caring for our herd of approximately 130 resident equines
- Undertaking general horse care and husbandry tasks
- Assisting our vets and farriers
- Working on a rota system that includes some weekend work

Criteria:

- Qualifications or demonstrable experience in Equine care
- Practical experience in handling and working with different horses
- Experience in leading and motivating a small team
- Able to explain, show and train husbandry skills to other team members
- Knowledge of horse behaviour and body language
- Ability to handle a wide range of equines
- Basic knowledge of Health and Safety and Risk Assessments
- Self-motivated, hard-working and enthusiastic team player
- You must be physically fit as this is a manual/outdoor role
- Happy to work in all weather conditions, full PPE is provided

What can we offer you?

- A supportive team-working environment where the horses in our care are always our priority
- Ongoing development through our bespoke training program delivered by our Training and Development team at your individual pace
- 40 hour week with 25 days annual leave (plus bank holidays)

- Working hours are 07.30 – 16.30 with dedicated breaks
- Competitive salary £26,016
- Competitive pension plan
- Cash-back health plan with access to 24/7 online GPs

If this could be the role for you, please apply by requesting/completing an application form, and send this along with your CV to: russell@horsetrust.org.uk

For further information or an informal chat please telephone Russell Pickin on 01494 488464

Based: Speen, Buckinghamshire

NB. There is no accommodation available with this role