



## **Pony Team volunteer job description**

### **Aims**

The Pony Team volunteer helps provide day-to-day care for the RDA ponies at Crookston Farm to maintain their health and wellbeing. The volunteer is a member of the Pony Team. All members of the team share the pony care duties and work on a rota to provide care for the ponies 7 days a week.

### **Tasks and Responsibilities**

- The volunteer will be required to muck out, feed, water, groom, clean tack and exercise the ponies, on a regular basis as part of the Pony Team rota.
- Members of the pony team who exercise the ponies by riding them have to be approved by a nominated person from the Tweeddale Group before riding.
- Undertake other tasks that are necessary for the ponies' well being if requested.
- Catch the ponies, bring them in, groom and tack them up in preparation for an RDA ride.
- Understand the importance of the RDA Health & Safety procedures.

### **Skills**

- Experience of pony management is an advantage but not essential.
- A certain degree of physical fitness is needed.
- The volunteer works as part of a team.
- The Pony Team volunteer should be reliable and arrive to help on the dates and times agreed.

### **Training**

- The Pony Team volunteer will be trained in all tasks they are required to do, to ensure they have the skills and confidence to carry out these tasks.
- No volunteer will be expected to carry out their duties unsupervised until they are confident and skilled in these duties.

### **Additional information**

- Volunteers are covered by the Tweeddale Group's public liability and personal accident insurance while working with the Group.
- Volunteers have to be 12 or over, there's no upper age limit.
- Skills gained while volunteering enhance a CV and can improve employment prospects.