



Volunteer Guidelines

1. For your safety - all volunteers **must** be accompanied by a board member to visit H.O.P.E. Acres Rescue.
2. Volunteers who would like to visit the farm and help out must wear the **appropriate close-toed foot attire** such as: steel-toed, paddock, or hiking boots.
3. **Never** approach a horse you don't know without asking permission first.
4. **Never** run or yell around the horses.
5. If you would like to feed the horses a treat **always** ask first.
6. If you open a gate **always** close it behind you.
7. Depending on your skill level during your first few visits, you will be shown the proper way to do the following:
 - Safely approach a horse in the pasture
 - Put a halter on and how to lead
 - Grooming and the different parts of the horse
8. **Please** refrain from cell phone use while interacting with the horses.
9. Stay in communication with the staff at the farm and let someone know where you are at all times and take a partner with you.
10. If you would like to help H.O.P.E. by organizing a fundraiser you will need to inform a board member and get approval before proceeding with the event.
11. ALWAYS THINK SAFETY FIRST!