



Job Description

Job Title: Yard Manager

Reporting to: Full time, 5 days across a 7-day weekly rota

The National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket is looking for an experienced Yard Manager to support the day-to-day operations of the historic Rothschild Yard and assist in the care and welfare of its resident equines.

The position plays an important role in engaging and educating the Museum's visitors in the important role of re-training former racehorses to have a life after racing.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Line managing a small team including a bank of volunteers, ensuring the yard is sufficiently manned across seven days a week.
- 2) Oversee the management, care, exercising and welfare of former/retrained racehorses, as well as two miniature Shetlands.
- 3) To ensure the stables, paddock areas and horse walker are kept safe, tidy and presentable at all times.
- 4) Ensure the arena is suitably prepared for booking hires including harrowing and setting out poles and jumps where required.
- 5) Actively develop good working relationships with owners, suppliers, trainers and other professionals.
- 6) Engage and educate the Museum's visitors by enabling them to safely meet and interact with the resident horses during the Museum's opening hours.
- 7) To work closely with the Museum's Events Team to provide an exciting and engaging programme of equine related paddock and arena events to support the Museum's commercial agenda.

8) To order stock and supplies relating to the yard and deal with all associated paperwork including raising purchase orders and invoices.

9) To actively promote and manage arena hire to ensure income targets are met as well as providing a source of entertainment and education for Museum visitors.

10) To carry out any other reasonable duties as requested.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Experience of horse handling.

Experience of groundwork such as lunging and long reining.

Experience of caring for and turning out horses to a high standard.

A good level of fitness.

An awareness of health and safety.

A team player, with a flexible, can-do attitude.

Excellent communication skills and confident in speaking to visitors, owners and professionals.

Awareness of general sensitivities or antagonism towards racing and how to portray the positive sides of the industry.

Understanding of British Horseracing and retraining of racehorses.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Salary: £28,000 per annum

Hours of Work: Full-time, five days per week 9am to 5pm, on a rota basis including weekends and bank holidays

Annual Leave: 28 days including public holidays pro rata.

Probation Period: 3 months

Notice Period: 1 month

Other Benefits: Contributory pension scheme

Closing Date: Friday 22nd November 2024

Date of interviews: Wednesday 28th November 2024

To apply for this position, please send a CV and covering letter to tharding@nhrm.co.uk