



Job Opportunity: Stable Hand

Rate: \$15/hour | **FULL OR PART-TIME** | **Apply by:** June 23, 2021

This position is supported by Canada Summer Jobs. To be a candidate, you must reside in the Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston constituency and be between the ages of 16-30 years old.

The Stable Hand will ensure the highest standard of care to support our overall mission at the Sweet Sanctuary. We are looking for someone that is passionate about animal welfare, has strong attention to detail, is responsible, trustworthy, and eager to work hard for the animals. This is a physically demanding job that works outside in all weather; you must be able to lift 50lbs, stand for the majority of the day, and withstand various weather conditions. You must be thoughtful and carry out tasks in a safe manner, with the ability to work independently.

Specific responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Feeding animals including grain, hay, supplements, fresh produce, and water
- Safely turning in/out animals, opening up barns for the daytime or closing in at night
- Thoughtfully and thoroughly performing animal care checks
- Providing daily care to the animals as directed, such as, applying topical medications, treating injuries, applying sunscreen, fly spray, flysheets (summer)/blanketing (winter), checking and refilling waters, maintaining mudholes
- Thoroughly mucking each animal housing to ensure that the animals have clean, dry bedding everyday
- Washing feed bowls, water bins, sweeping, raking, cleaning the barns and grounds
- Cleaning up of manure and debris from all paddocks to ensure a safe and clean outdoor environment
- Driving the tractor to dispose of manure at a designated area
- Reporting internally any and all irregularities in animal behavior or injuries
- Reporting property maintenance needs as it relates to the animals (fencing, stalls)
- Supporting new projects such as setting up housing, fencing and clearing land
- Maintaining a weekly order sheet for necessary feed and supplies
- Maintaining medical records, a daily animal care checklist, and a chore list
- Supporting veterinarians, farriers, and other animal care specialists on-site
- Communicating effectively with the founders, other staff and volunteers
- Supporting our on-site tours and events (if possible to resume) and our social media

Required Experience: At least one year of direct experience caring for horses or other large farm animals

To apply: Please apply via email no later than June 23, 2021. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please be prepared to provide 3 references and a police check.



About us: Founded in 2018, the Sweet Sanctuary is a volunteer-run charity built on a belief that all animals deserve to be treated with kindness, compassion, and respect. Located just outside of the Nation's Capital in Carleton Place, Ontario, the sanctuary sits on 85 acres of safe haven. Including a magical pig forest, goat mountain, and sprawling pastures, the sanctuary is currently home to 40 animals and growing.

What days at the Sanctuary look like: We pay close attention to each animal's individual needs and provide the hands-on care to ensure their overall health and happiness. Providing for the animals includes daily chores of feeding and cleaning, necessary medical care, appointments with vets and farriers, and documenting their health records. We pay close attention to their behaviours, noting changes to understand their needs.

Activities in summer are vastly different; maintaining clean drinking and bathing water, filling up mud holes for pigs, applying sunscreen and fly spray, or covering the horses with flysheets and masks. We also maintain the land, which includes reseeding pastures, moving manure, raking, clearing brush, and establishing new areas for the animals. The winter activities are about warmth and health; covering horses, goats and pigs with blankets as needed, ensuring water troughs are not frozen, paying close attention to illness and behaviours, and maintaining the usual schedule of feeding and cleaning.

In addition to the hands-on work with the animals, it is our responsibility to showcase their stories, fundraise, and communicate with our audience. We do this through social media and hosting events (pre-COVID), email marketing, and maintaining a public website. We have big plans for the animals, and a goal to open up more space for them, which we need funds to implement. Fundraising is a major effort to continue operations.

Where we're headed: Supporting the growth of the Sweet Sanctuary is important for all of the animals, and is something our board of directors work hard to facilitate. Summer students will play a key role in fulfilling our mission for the animals, and help us continue to grow the organizational capacity to help more animals in need. It is our hope that these summer jobs turn into meaningful long-term employment opportunities.