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Equine Hoof and Dental Care internship

We are looking for someone who

- Likes to work with horses and feels comfortable around horses
- Is interested in learning about horses and Barefoot, Bitless, Horsemanship and holistic track systems
- Would like to learn about organic farming in general
- Wants to join a team but is also happy to work on his/her own
- Is physically fit and can do hard work reliably
- Feels comfortable driving and using farm equipment
- Will commit to a minimum 2-3 months length of stay

Internship hours

- 5 hours per day, 5 days per week
- Work hours 8 am-12 pm and 4 pm-5 pm
- 2 days off, usually on Thursday and Friday

Internship duties

- Horse jobs like walking and feeding them, pick up poo, cleaning gear
- Paddock maintenance
- General farm work, including jobs with cows, chooks, sheep, fencing, cleaning, ...
- Gardening
- Office work if required

Internship receives

- One lesson in horsemanship and riding per week
- Food and accommodation*
- 2 full days off per week (usually Thursday and Friday)
- Riding horses (on the property, beach, etc.)
- Riding and working horse time
- Experiencing farm life in NZ
- Vehicle if available
- Access to DVDs and reading material

*Food and Accommodation includes

- Own house on the property with a Queen-sized bed, lounge, kitchen, and bathroom with laundry
- Meals and snacks per day, access to food from the farm and garden
- Shared dinner at our house 2 times a week. You're responsible for your own dinner on the other days (ingredients are provided).
- Access to internet (Wifi), printer, Thermomix, tv at the main house

House Rules

- Please no shoes inside, house shoes only are fine
- Please pull curtains and open windows daily
- Please keep your house tidy (e.g. clean toilet and bathroom weekly, towel and floor matt: hang up daily, change bedsheets)
- We will check the state of your house once a month.
- Please help with dinner two nights per week
- House rule: whoever doesn't cook cleans up dishes after each meal
- No smoking inside

What else?

- As there are a lot of different things to learn and do on our farm, it will take some time to get a routine. That can be frustrating at the beginning – give yourself some time to get into the work, no one is expecting you to be perfect.
- A good and open communication is very important to us and we expect to be informed about all occurrences to make your stay as safe as possible for all of us.
- Our farm is located in Okaihau, which is a 25 min drive away from the east coast (Bay of Islands), 20 min drive to the west coast (Horeke) and 60 min drive to the Kaitiaki northland.
- Okaihau is a small town with only a small amount of shops and the next supermarket is a 15 min drive away.
- As there are many beautiful and historic places to discover around and to meet people you should be mobile. If possible, it would be the easiest if you bring your own car. You can also take our cars if not needed. Make sure you feel comfortable with driving on the left side!
- Okaihau has a cycle way which we have a bike here for you to use.

Your Jobs:

EQHC Retain (2-3 mornings per week) Morning Routine 4 hours

- Send the horses from night paddock to round pen yard
- Soaking horses' hooves if needed (seasonal)
- Feed the horses
- Fill up oats and soak them
- Put hay in round pen yard if needed
- Put Hoof Boots on horses who need them
- Give some meds if needed
- Get your horse for riding
- Give your horse a brush and clean the hooves
- Saddle up your horse

= 45 mins

- Walk the horses around the track (or half the track if too wet and slippery)

=1 hour

- Unsaddle your horse and give it a hose if needed
- Feed horses
- Take boots off
- Bot egg removal (seasonal)
- Clean gear if needed
- Clean tack shed
- Brush and clean the hoofs of the horses that are assigned to you weekly and check for injuries, hoof problems, etc.

=45 mins

- Send horses to hay yard, bring thin horses to grass paddock if needed
- Put hay out in hay yard and pick up poo from the day before
- Feed chooks, fill and clean their water if needed
- Clean the cage if needed
- Collect eggs
- Let the chooks out for the day
- Pick up poo on the track
- Pick up poo in round pen yard
- Empty poo onto poo pile

= 1,5 hours

Evening Routine 1 hour

- Put the horses away to the night paddock
- Put the Chooks away and collect eggs
- Preparing for the next day

Other jobs on the farm

Paddock Maintenance

All our stock lives on a rotational track paddock system. Tracks systems are a great idea for horses and other stock. It means every paddock comes off the track to make stock movement between paddock easy on horseback. Better pasture maintenance, stock worm borden maintenance, Hoof maintenance on surface track, give stock a larger area to move on and best of all natural shelter for all stock.

Once stock has been moved out of the paddock to next paddock:

- Paddock fence lines and weed maintenance need to be done
- Grabbing, weeding
- Harrow and feed paddock if needed

Gardening

Here we like to grow as much organic food as possible. We are working towards having raised beds with creating our own soil creation. We are a part of an online group with information videos which are available for viewing.

- Once per week get plants/ bed and weed where needed, and pestrol if needed
- Once per fortnight feed plants
- Pick up cow poo for new soil
- Pick and harvest for meal with needed

Weeds to grab:

The idea of grabbing is to get the weed out by the roots and turn over/ or collet if needed. Weeds are always grown for a reason. Normal to improve soil health. Weeds have a larger rot system, so they are able to get different nutralatants needed from deeper below the soil and bring to the surface. They also are there to cover the ground in permeation for grass growth.



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EQHC Ltd and Valley View Farms Safety Terms and Conditions

- Horses provided by the property are ridden at the rider's risk.
- Lessons given here by ourselves, whether it may be round pen, rope work, flat work and jumping, or trekking, are at the risk of the rider.
- All outside rides away from the property, including road, orchard and farm rides, are at the risk of the rider.
- Any accident to a horse or rider brought on to the property with behavior-related problems, is at the risk of the owner.
- All persons of any age who are on the property are at their own risk.
- We take no responsibility for any horse, adult or child related accidents.
- We do not accept any responsibility for any veterinarian expenses incurred whilst horses are on our property.
- We will take all care but no responsibility for any horse under our care, whether grazing/rehabilitation livery or worked by ourselves.
- Horses with floating and truck related problems are brought to the property at the risk of the owner and we take no responsibility for accidents to owner horses that are floated/truck by EQHC Ltd
- We take no responsibility for any accident to a horse or owner or any damage to horse-float, trucks or vehicles.
- All horse gear owned by the rider is used at the risk of the owner.
- Riders of all ages are requested to wear safety helmets at all time.
- No responsibility will be taken for any injury caused to a rider choosing not to do so.
- I will take care and clean EQHC Ltd riding gear and facilities provided. i.e. Saddles, bridles, brushes, hoof boots, and clean up after riding my own horse.
- All helpers/Wwoofers using EQHC Ltd or Valley View Farm farm equipment, uses the safety gear provide and use at your own ricks.
- Safety Helmets must be worn of driving equipment (i.e. Quad) at all times when driven

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO SAFETY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Signature: _____ Date: _____