



Volunteer Application Form

Helping horses heal, rebuild trust, and find their next chapter.

Why We Ask These Questions:

At Hawkez Haven, the horses in our care have come from a wide range of backgrounds. Many are rebuilding trust, confidence, and understanding after difficult experiences.

The questions in this form help us make sure that:

volunteers are placed in roles that suit their experience and comfort level horses are handled calmly, safely, and respectfully everyone has a positive and rewarding experience.

There are no right or wrong answers, only honest ones.

Our aim is always to create the right match between people and horses, so both can feel safe, supported, and relaxed.

Please note: completing this form does not guarantee a volunteer placement, as suitability is based on the needs of the horses and current capacity.

1. Personal Details

Full Name:

Age:

- Under 16 (parent/guardian permission required)
- 16–17
- 18+

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Town / Area:

2. Availability

Which days are you generally available?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Friday

Preferred start time:

- From 9am

- Other: _____

How often would you like to volunteer?

- One-off / casual
- Weekly

- Fortnightly
- Flexible

3. Horse Experience

Do you have previous horse experience?

- Yes
- Some
- No (willing to learn)

If yes or some, please briefly describe your experience:

Are you comfortable around horses that may be: Green or re-starting

- Still learning boundaries
- Nervous or anxious
- Calm, steady horses only

4. What Has Drawn You to Hawkez Haven? What are you hoping to gain from volunteering here?

- Learning horse care & handling
- Building confidence around horses
- Giving back / helping rescue horses
- Quiet one-on-one time with horses

5. Handling & Riding Preferences (if applicable)

I am interested in helping with:

Other: _____

- Ground-based work only
- Grooming & general care
- In-hand walking
- Groundwork / lunging (with guidance)
- Light riding (experience & confidence dependent)

Please note: Riding is not guaranteed. Ground-based help is always valued and may be the primary role.

6. Safety & Expectations

Please tick to confirm:

- I understand Hawkez Haven is a calm, low-pressure environment
- I understand horses here may have emotional or physical needs
- I am willing to listen, learn, and follow instructions
- I understand safety comes before personal preferences
- I understand this is a voluntary, unpaid role

7. Health & Physical Considerations

Do you have any injuries, health concerns, or limitations we should be aware of to ensure your safety?

8. Emergency Contact

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

9. Additional Notes

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

Thank you for taking the time to apply to volunteer with Hawkez Haven – Second Chances. If your application feels like a good fit, we'll be in touch to arrange a visit or trial day. Please understand that due to capacity and the individual needs of our horses, not all applications will be accepted.

Hawkez Haven – Second Chances

Giving horses the time, space, and patience they deserve.

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