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Villi Poni Farm, Newfoundland Pony Sanctuary Rules and Guidelines for Volunteers

Villi Poni Farm is an all volunteer run non-profit organization. We depend completely on volunteers to help with all aspects of the sanctuary, from day to day barn chores, to the board of directors. Many of us hold other, full time jobs or attend school and spend our days off working at the sanctuary.

Villi Poni Farm is an active sanctuary whose only mission is to preserve the critically endangered Newfoundland Pony. Keeping this in mind, with our growing herd is a need for the volunteers to help care for them. To do this we ask that when you consider volunteering here that you please leave any "horse knowledge" or "equine expertise" at the door. Please let us train you on what this breed specific sanctuary does and needs for you to do.

This is a teaching facility and as such we can only have a limited number of volunteers per day. If you have not been in direct contact with Emily, or checked the barn calendar, then please **do not just show up**. This is a private residence and needs to be respected as such.

We pride ourselves on teaching coexistence, whether it is to coexist with people and ponies, or people to people. Only kindness is tolerated. Anything deemed unkind will result in your being asked to leave and possibly not be welcomed back.

You are not guaranteed any riding time. Yes, there are some "pony ride" times offered. These times are for the public to come meet the pony, learn about the breed, and to raise money through donations. Your job as a volunteer is to make sure the ponies are ready for these times and to show the public what it is that we, as volunteers, do.

Some things we **do not do here**-

- **Train ponies. (that's a job for the board to decide, who gets training and by whom, if at all.)
- **Board ponies
- **Show ponies or promote showing.
- **Sell ponies
- **Give riding lessons.
- **Pay any volunteers
- **Receive assistance from any government, corporate, or rare breed organizations.
- **Drama

If you are looking for something that fits into any of these categories, you can try looking locally as there are plenty of reputable establishments in the area.

Please make sure you arrive with - A Ride, to and from the farm.
Your own food.
Proper clothing

There is a fridge in the barn and places to store your belongings.

We do not have extra boots, hats, gloves, etc. Dress for the weather and for the chores.

Rides and food provided by the sanctuary is money that could have fed the ponies.

****If you are sick, PLEASE stay Home!****

Volunteer's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature, if volunteer is under 18.

Date