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## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## LIABILITY RELEASE

I understand that involvement in “equine activity”, as defined by applicable laws, involves inherent risks, associated with the dangers and conditions which are an integral part of equine activities. These risks include, but are not limited to, the propensity of equines to behave in ways which may result in injury, harm, or even death to humans or other animals around or near them; the unpredictability of equine reaction to sounds, sudden movements, smells, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; hazards related to surface or subsurface conditions; collisions with other equines or objects; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent or unskilled manner which may contribute to injury to the participant or others, including the failure or inability to maintain control over the animal.

By participating in this activity, I agree to assume responsibility for these risks and I release and agree to hold harmless Equine Assisted Senior Engagement (EASE), the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (FENCE), their officers, agents, employees and all volunteers assisting in the conduct of this activity, from all liability for negligence resulting in accidents, damage, injury or illness to myself and my property.

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Signature

Date

*Please complete and sign all sections of this form and then return it to:  
**EASE, 3381 Hunting Country Road, Tryon NC 28782***

## **BACKGROUND CHECK**

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center to receive information from any law enforcement agency, including police departments and sheriff's departments, of this state or any other state or federal government, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, pertaining to any convictions I may have had for violations of state or federal criminal laws.

I understand that such access is for the purpose of considering my application as an employee/volunteer and that I expressly DO NOT authorize the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, its directors, officers, employees or other volunteers to disseminate this information in any way to any other individual group, agency organization or corporation.

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Signature

Date

## **STATEMENT AND AGREEMENT ON CONFIDENTIALITY**

During your activities related to EASE, you may be exposed to a participant's confidential information. It is the legal and ethical responsibility of all EASE staff and volunteers to preserve and protect the privacy rights of our participants. Laws controlling the privacy of, access to and maintenance of confidential information include, but are not limited to, the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability act (HIPAA) and the relevant laws of the state of North Carolina. These and other laws apply whether the information is held in electronic or any other form, and whether the information is used or disclosed orally or in writing.

Confidential information includes information that identifies or describes an individual and the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Examples of confidential participant information include home address and telephone number, medical information (described in the next paragraph), birth date, citizenship, social security number, spouse, partner or relative's name(s), and evaluations, whether in written form or stored electronically, related to activities the participant performs in connection with EASE.

Medical information includes the following: medical and psychiatric records, including paper printouts, photos, videotapes, diagnostic and therapeutic reports, x-rays, scans, laboratory and pathology reports; participant business information, such as bills for service or insurance information; electronically stored or transmitted patient information; verbal information provided by or about a participant; instructor or physician evaluation forms, whether in written or electronic form; or other information the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

## **Acknowledgement of your responsibility**

I understand and acknowledge that:

It is my legal and ethical responsibility to preserve and protect the privacy, confidentiality and security of all records and other confidential information relating to EASE, its participants, activities and affiliates, in accordance with applicable law.

I agree to discuss confidential information only in the context of my duties and activities for EASE. I will not knowingly discuss any confidential information within the hearing of other persons who do not have the right to receive that information.

I agree to protect the confidentiality of any medical or other confidential information which is incidentally disclosed to me in the course of my duties and activities with EASE.

I understand that psychiatric records, drug abuse records, and any and all references to HIV testing used to identify HIV or a component of HIV, are especially protected by law.

I understand that any violation of any of the procedures and policies of EASE or the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Inc., related to confidential information, or of any state or federal laws or regulation governing a participant's right to privacy, may subject me to legal and/or

disciplinary action up to and including immediate termination of my relationship with, and activities for, EASE.

I understand that I may be criminally liable for harm resulting from my breach of this Agreement and that I may also be held criminally liable under the HIPAA privacy regulations for an intentional and/or malicious release of protected health information.

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Signature

Date

## **HEALTH HISTORY**

Do you have: a current tetanus shot? \_\_\_\_\_ a recent tuberculosis test? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Consult your physician or local health department if you are not up to date with these shots/tests)

To assist in determining appropriate EASE activities, please describe your current health status, particularly regarding the physical/emotional demands of working in the EASE program. Address fitness, cardiac, respiratory, bone or joint function, allergies, recent hospitalization, surgeries or lifestyle changes:

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Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that emergency medical treatment is required due to illness or injury while performing my duties as an EASE volunteer (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Inc. to secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT authorize the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Inc. to secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed. In the event such emergency treatment is required, I wish the following action to be taken:

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I certify that I am in general good health, that I am capable of the physical requirements of volunteering for EASE and that I know of no reason why I should not participate in the program as a volunteer.

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Signature

Date

### **PHOTO RELEASE**

\_\_\_\_\_ I do \_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center of any and all photographs and any other audio/visual materials taken of me for promotional material, educational activities, exhibitions, social media or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

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Signature

Date