

DSE GROOM INTERNSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Our business is to train horses, riders and grooms to the best of their ability

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A VOLUNTEER POSITION, NOT A PAID OR AN EMPLOYEE SITUATION.

We offer a set period of time to learn new skills and gain valuable real-life experience in a professional equine yard.

A normal day would include:

Feeding out silage/hay and hard feed, bringing in DSE horses to tack up, washing down horses, mucking out yards/stables, grooming, horse laundry, harrowing, paddock checks, helping with jump set ups and rails, lunging DSE horses, riding your own horse/lesson, catching horses for vet/farrier, setup for competitions held at DSE, and other general duties that come with the day to day running of an equine yard. You would be working in a team with other groom interns on a day to day basis.

You can bring your own horse (One horse only).

We will invoice you monthly for hay/silage provided to your horse (an average of .5 a bale per day).

All other costs for the horse are your responsibility, other than grazing which is provided by DSE.

If you don't own a horse there may be a possibility to lease one, however that would be entirely dependent on availability of a suitable match for horse & rider combined.

DSE will teach you new skills/gain experiences.

Ridden lessons consist of either individual or group arrangements; cross country, show jumping, OL jumping or dressage. Plus endless daily guidance/skills & experiences of horse welfare and horse management.

Living Arrangements can be provided (if required) for groom Interns

You would be required to:

- Pay weekly \$50 towards rent
- Do your share of housework (accommodation is to be kept immaculate)
- Pay for your own groceries (we recommend Countdown online deliveries)
- Pay for your share of petrol (car pool if required and share costs)
- Report & pay for any damages at the property
- Cook your own meals and prepare your own lunches etc
- Do your own laundry

It is imperative that you care for yourself well, eat well and get plenty of rest when at the house, as without being healthy you will fade during days at the yard.

Competitions

As a groom intern you will be expected to assist DSE at some competitions, and other times you will be asked to stay at the yard and care for the horses left at home. Both of these situations require a great deal of responsibility.

If you are part of the program and also a competitive rider then a plan will be worked out so that everyone in the team is aware which events you are competing at and what the expectation is during each show.

You will need to provide your own transportation for your own horse to competitions.

There are 3 main terms of Internship available:

Autumn – 3rd Jan – 30th May

Spring – 15th Aug – 21st Dec

Annual – 3rd Jan – 21st Dec

(Annual includes both competition seasons, plus the winter shows and young horse preparation)

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