



# Service Horse Instructor Application

## MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Walking Horse Owners' Association (WHOA) Service Horse Program is to assist members who want to use their horses in service to their communities. Service horse are those horses that are used for Mounted Patrol, Search and Rescue, and Equine Therapy. The WHOA Service Horse Program is open to all breeds of horses.

## GOALS:

To identify, develop, and publicize service horse instructors and trainers and to assist them with professional development aimed at teaching safe, ethical, and non-abusive training methods.

WHOA Certified Service Horse Instructors and Trainers will receive instruction in the correct documentation of training records to be incorporated into the online database. They will also be able to make entries into the database.

WHOA Certified Instructors and Trainers will be listed on in the Service Horse Program section of the WHOA website complete with their contact information, ratings, and resume.

WHOA will assist Certified Instructors and Trainers in publicizing their clinics and training events.

WHOA Certified Instructors and Trainers will be able to post training videos to be used as online and distance learning opportunities. Additionally, if approved by committee, those videos will count as documented training. Existing training videos will be posted in condensed form (20 to 30 minutes in length) with reference to the full length video and where it can be purchased posted with said video.

Development and training opportunities will be offered to enhance and improve the abilities of Certified Instructors and Trainers.

## REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

- Provide a resume with references.
- Submit to an interview.
- Invite a member of the selection committee to monitor a training clinic you are teaching.
- Attend a WHOA Service Horse Instructor development class each year.
- Follow the rules and regulations of the WHOA Service Horse Program.
- Read, sign and submit a signed instructor's oath with application and resume to:

**WHOA Service Horse Program**  
**P.O. Box 4007**  
**Murfreesboro TN 37129**



## **Service Horse Instructor's Oath**

**On my honor I promise to do my best in teaching ethical, non abusive training methods to assist people training horses for service work.**

**I will provide a safe learning environment for all regardless of their level of ability.**

**I will inspire people that the care and well being of their horses is paramount.**

**I will encourage them to use their horses and talents in the service of others and their communities.**

**I promise to act in a manner that will bring honor to me and my profession as a WHOA Service Horse Instructor.**

**I promise to follow all the rules and regulations of the WHOA Service Horse Program.**

**I understand that the Walking Horse Owners' Association reserves the right to remove me from the WHOA Service Horse Certified Instructor Program at any time.**

**I understand that if I violate this oath I forfeit any and all benefits and will be removed as a WHOA Service Horse Certified Instructor.**

**Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_**