**Yard Manager – Full Time**

**Location:** Cavalier Centre, Much Wenlock, Shropshire
**Salary:** £25,500–£30,000 (pro rata, based on experience)
**Hours:** 40 per week (includes one weekend day)

***We will be reviewing applications and conducting interviews throughout the application period, so early submissions are encouraged. We reserve the right to close the vacancy early if a suitable candidate is found.***

**About Us**

At the Cavalier Centre, we believe in the power of horses to change lives. Our purpose-built, state-of-the-art facility is home to 14 incredible equines, a passionate team of staff, and over 200 dedicated volunteers. Together, we deliver inclusive, life-enhancing activities to improve the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities.

**The Opportunity**

We’re looking for an experienced, motivated and knowledgeable **Yard Manager** to lead the day-to-day operations of our busy equestrian yard. If you thrive in a fast-paced, rewarding environment, and you're ready to take the reins of a top-class facility with a meaningful mission, this could be the perfect role for you.

You’ll oversee the care and training of our horses, support and develop volunteers (including those with additional needs), provide coaching to our participants and ensure our standards remain at the highest level, from stable management to safeguarding and compliance. Your leadership will be central to making our centre run like clockwork — and our horses happy, healthy, and ready for action.

**What We’re Looking For**

* **Equine Expertise** – You’ll bring solid horse care knowledge (BHS Stage 3+ or equivalent), with confidence in training, exercising, and managing equine routines.
* **Leadership** – Proven management skills to lead a diverse team of paid staff and volunteers with enthusiasm and clarity.
* **Organisation** – Capable of juggling multiple responsibilities, from scheduling and feeding plans to vet visits and volunteer timetabling.
* **Passion** – A deep care for animal welfare, and a belief in the impact that horses can have on human lives.
* **Team Player** – Friendly, collaborative, and resilient with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

**Key Responsibilities**

* Lead the equine team to deliver excellent care, training and welfare for our horses and ponies.
* Manage all daily yard operations including feeding, exercise plans, grazing, shelter and stable management.
* Coordinate vet, farrier, physiotherapy and other appointments.
* Develop and support a vibrant volunteer programme, including coaching, training and mentoring.
* Ensure compliance with RDA, BHS and local authority standards.
* Contribute to the wider vision and strategic development of the Cavalier Centre.

**Person Specification (Essential Highlights)**

* BHS Stage 3 (Stage 4 desirable) or equivalent experience
* Experienced rider with strong stable management background
* Proven leadership and communication skills
* Excellent organisation, time management and IT skills
* A genuine commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities and additional needs
* Flexible, reliable, and passionate about high welfare standards

**Why Join Us?**

* Be part of a unique, life-changing organisation that makes a real difference every day.
* Work alongside a supportive and passionate team.
* Take pride in shaping the future of a nationally recognised centre of excellence.
* Opportunities for training, development and progression.

**How to Apply**

Send your **CV and a cover letter/personal statement** detailing how your skills and experience meet the criteria to:
barkerj667@gmail.com