

# Therapy Animal Care

Clean water, food and bedding is what we need!  
Remember to give us a kind word and nice rub when you can.

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Horses	Rabbits	Chickens	Goats/Llama
Water	Water	Water	Water
Sweep hay area	Food	Collect eggs	Scoop poop
Scoop poop	Clean poop	Add hay	(to manure pile)
Shovel mats	(to manure pile)		Groom
	Add hay		Socialize
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## Horses

### *Water maintenance*

- Use hand brush to scrub, rinse and fill gray tub for Patriot and blue tub for Babes and Toby
- Fill gray tub and bathtub in north field when horses are in pasture. (summer)
- For the four Red automatic drinking buckets, using plastic bowl, scoop out all water, scrub with brush, and allow water to refill. (summer)

### *Food/Stall maintenance*

- Using scooping rake, remove manure pieces and wet shavings from Babes' stall. Toss them outside on either side of the door away from barn wall if tractor day, or else put in wheelbarrow and dump on south side of cement wall in horse area.
- Tuesdays and Fridays, Babes' stall will be shoveled out and replaced with clean shavings, unless it needs it more often.
- For large horse pens, use the stiff brown broom in dry weather to sweep manure off of rubber mats from eating area. In wet weather, use aluminum shovel (move manure minimum of 1 foot from mats so tractor can get it).

## Rabbits

### *Cage and food*

- Scoop rabbit feed pellets from bin in red barn into food dishes until full. Replace bucket lid securely to keep fresh. LOCK DOOR to feed room.
- Remove all water bottles, fill and shake vigorously to loosen any debris (algae), rinse and fill again. Use bottle brush to clean. Replace to cages.
- Using shovel, remove pile of droppings under cages to wheel barrow or manure area.
- Replace with new shavings and hay as needed.

## Chickens

### *Water and eggs*

- Dump old water from blue trough. Scrub with hand brush, rinse and refill.
- Collect eggs in basket and bring to house and leave on dryer.
- Replace hay in nesting areas as needed with clean hay.
- Wash your hands
- LOCK chicken door

## Goats/Llama

### *Water and food*

- Scrub the two water buckets and fill with fresh water.
- Feed hay inside the metal feeder and 2 wooden feeders. Goats won't eat it off of the ground.
- Use pitchfork to pick up spilled hay area and feed to chickens on outside part of their pen.

**TURN OFF ALL WATER (except automatic waterers) and check before you leave that ALL GATES ARE LOCKED. THANKS SO VERY MUCH!**

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## Volunteers/Parents:

Our mission here is to enhance the lives of all involved in ANT, including you, the volunteers. Sharing time here can teach perseverance and diligence through doing chores and basic animal care. But just as important, it can instantly provide the satisfaction of a job well done.

This is why we ask all parents and caregivers to provide hands-on supervision for their children and to check finished chores. Monitoring for important safety habits is imperative in working in a farming environment. Encourage the children to get into the habit of talking with the animals, looking into their eyes, and telling the animals what is happening. Our critters are very social and look forward to receiving company.

The therapy animals and staff at ANT depend upon you, our wonderful volunteers, to keep the water clean and plentiful, and a fresh area for the animals to eat and live. Our therapy animals give their best to help those in need. Without you, it couldn't happen.

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