

## **Polo Groom wanted** – to middle/end September 2022

We are based at Beaufort Polo Club in the yard/barns there and play matches and chukkas there without the usual travel. It's a lovely place to be for all sorts of reasons: friendly people always help and advice at hand, lots of polo going on and potential (as long as my ponies take priority), for earning extra money helping others at matches.

I have 5 easy ponies. One older pony can be cold backed and so I'm happy to warm him up if necessary but he's a sweetheart and easy not nasty. I have been looking after the ponies myself with help and will continue to be there almost daily to ride and stick and ball but need help from the groom whose job it would be to look after the ponies and to prepare them for riding, chukkas and matches. The ponies live out on a paddock and come in during the day for riding and exercise.

### **Duties to include**

-General Yard duties, skipping out, mucking out, clean waters, haying in the stable but not haynets, haying out in the paddock, turning out with rugs weather dependant, fly masks weather dependant. Clipping manes and tails when necessary - very easy and they seem to find it relaxing!

-Getting 4-5 ponies ready for chukkas on Wednesdays and Fridays. Chukkas start at 4pm and can finish 5/5,30pm depending on how many people are on the list to play.

-Getting 4-5 ponies ready for Sunday morning chukkas at 10am I play chukkas when I'm not playing matches Otherwise instead of chukkas I would be playing a match up to 1,2 or 3 times a week when there is a tournament on the job would include - Getting 4-5 ponies ready for matches when there is a tournament on .

-Grooming at matches eg warming each pony up with some canter circles Handing over each pony to play and taking the pony that's just played and making it comfortable ( untucking and bandages off , washing down etc either at the ground or afterwards at the yard.

-6 days a week with Mondays off. Approx 6 - 8 hours per day. I have been paying £400 per week without poo picking, or tack cleaning included to do and would pay £400 with shared accommodation on site included. These rates are negotiable and I would be willing to increase the rate for the right person. And am open to a discussion on rates and aspects of the job included.

-No polo experience is necessary as it's all very straightforward and can be shown/taught eg - tacking up, exercising on set in the track if necessary (ie riding one horse and leading 1- 2 other horses

-Bandaging if necessary

Being able to ride well is ideal and a helpful, happy and willing attitude and an ability and willingness to work with others

The benefits would be lovely yard to be at, one of the best clubs in England, making contacts easily in the polo world with many people based at the club. There's a young horse program, resident vets, a busy events office, a polo school so many aspects of the polo world at hand to watch and learn from. Potential to once having groomed to be able to travel with groom experience in hand: New Zealand, Australia, USA, Argentina, South Africa etc where polo is played during the winter.

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