



## searching for ghf caretaker to start july 2018

a loving touch, open heart & tremendous stamina needed

### the nature of the work

If you love Border Collies, being a Caretaker at Glen Highland Farm is an **amazing opportunity to truly understand this breed on a very profound level.** This is total immersion into their sensitivities and intelligence at a time when they are forced to handle tremendous changes. Many dogs come to GHF so mishandled and misunderstood, they have lost who they are; others need reassurance that they can start again with someone new. Many have never lived in a home and have semi-feral behaviors, requiring extreme patience and a behavioral skill-set that's different from living with a 'normal' BC, who has been in one home since a puppy.

The work is humbling, inspiring and challenging because **it IS intense.** Many people find the emotion of rescue to be tiring and overwhelming with 24/7 pressure and very little 'me-time' - the dogs come FIRST, always, because their needs are greater than ours.

Healing comes from the energetic grounding the dogs receive from the land at GHF, the freedom and time to find who they are; the Caretakers' compassion, and the unique spiritual approach of GHF. This is not obedience driven rehab. The process is transformative starting with the dog's emotional state, then adding physical and mental challenges when the dog is ready. *This is a dynamic process that uses ALL you have to offer and requires that you dig even deeper within yourself to grow beyond what you already know and let the Border Collie lead you to new understanding of the canine spirit and purpose with humanity.*

### caretaker requirements

- **Seasoned Border Collie person**, ideally with rescue dog experience.
- **Experienced in mixing multiple dogs and reading dog behavior.**
- **Have a high level of fitness and stamina.** This position involves outside work in all-seasons.
- **Excel in teamwork.** This is a small group of dedicated, passionate Caretakers.
- **Be self-sufficient**, our rural setting is not for super-social people.
- **Possess vet-tech skills**, preferred.

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### living & working onsite

Being an on-site Caretaker, you'll live with 'your own' 10-12 active dogs of all ages so the day starts at 6am, ending often at 11pm.

You are also **part of the team** working at the facility with another 12-20 dogs covering various day and evening shifts.

A Caretaker contracts for a **minimum of 2 years** with GHF.

The home is 1500 sf with one bedroom and bathroom, an open plan kitchen and living space, and separate dog rooms. *The space is best suited for a single person with no more than a couple personal Border Collies.*

**Rent and utilities are paid by GHF**, furnishings can be provided.

**Health benefits are included** as well as **paid vacation.**

Less than a mile away, Morris has small-town charm with a few quaint shops and places to eat. **20 minutes away, Oneonta** is the closest town with grocery stores, movie theater, full retail shopping, restaurants, etc.



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