

# Diane Kruse

## **Equine/Cattle Assistant, Caretaking or Ranch Renovation**

Burneyville, OK

Seeking employment opportunity in the areas of equine, ranch, ranch caretaking and/or property renovation.

Willing to relocate: Anywhere

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

## Work Experience

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### **Ranch Renovation**

Kruse Construction - Burneyville, OK

September 2021 to Present

We purchased and renovated a rural property near Ringling, OK, and after selling it, purchased another renovation property at Burneyville, OK. Tree removal, fence and building repair, whole house remodel, landscaping were planned and completed projects.

### **Ranch Renovation**

Kruse Construction - Santa Maria, CA

July 2021 to September 2021

Our family crew carried out improvements on a newly acquired ranch on the Central Coast in California for an absentee owner. Our main projects included removal of old fencing and replacing it with high predator proof fencing. We also consulted with the owners on ranch improvement projects to be carried out by other contractors.

### **Ranch Renovation**

Self Employed - Springtown, TX

September 2020 to May 2021

I planned and carried out renovation projects on a horse facility that had been neglected for several years. Projects included repairing barn stalls, replacing water taps with hydrants and shut offs, fixing fence, removing trash, rehanging gates, mowing, weed eating, and tree and brush removal.

### **Golf Course Owner**

Self Employed - Overbrook, KS

September 2018 to August 2020

We planned and carried out home and ranch renovation projects including framing, insulating, some sheet rock work, painting, flooring, minor electrical and plumbing. Installed and repaired fence, including wire, electrical, and wood. Installed water pipeline with trencher. All landscaping projects. Tyler Kruse acted in the Supervisor Position at the course in charge of all course maintenance and business operations.

### **Working Ranch Owner**

Finney Land & Livestock, Inc - Nebraska and Oklahoma

January 2003 to July 2018

I was directly involved with all phases of ranch operations including cow/calf and yearling care, ranch maintenance, haying, record keeping and business operations. Tyler Kruse was an employee from an early age and involved in all ranching activities. The ranch was sold in July 2018.

Finney Quarter Horses was a segment of the Corporation and I was responsible for the care and maintenance of the herd, including stallions, mares, riding horses and juveniles. Part of my duties was photographing sale animals for advertising and catalogs.

My horse and cattle ranching experience has been complemented by my years working at a mixed animal veterinary practice as an assistant to the veterinarian, technician at a Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and also as a compliance person at the Farm Service Agency.

## Education

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### **BA in Biology w/minor in Agriculture**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Chardon State College - Chadron, NE

August 1978 to May 1983

## Skills

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- Animal Health and Care, Ranch Management (10+ years)
- Construction
- Equine Experience
- Handyman
- Landscape Maintenance
- Mowing
- Remodeling (10+ years)
- Mechanical Knowledge
- Carpentry
- Flatbed
- Drywall
- Electrical Experience
- Heavy Equipment Operation
- Farming
- Plumbing
- Lawn Care
- Animal Care
- Masonry
- Backhoe Operation
- Equipment Repair
- Box Truck
- Trim Carpentry
- Facilities Maintenance

## Assessments

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### **Basic maintenance and repair — Proficient**

September 2022

Performing basic repairs and maintenance for apartment complexes, office buildings, and other facilities

Full results: [Proficient](#)

### **Work motivation — Proficient**

December 2020

Level of motivation and discipline applied toward work

Full results: [Proficient](#)

### **Work style: Reliability — Proficient**

September 2022

Tendency to be reliable, dependable, and act with integrity at work

Full results: [Proficient](#)

Indeed Assessments provides skills tests that are not indicative of a license or certification, or continued development in any professional field.

## Additional Information

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I am interested in finding a horse and/or cattle ranch or business that could use my skill set to care for and advance their operation.

Let me introduce myself with a brief history and pertinent work related skills.

My name is Diane Kruse. I was raised on an 11,000 acre cattle ranch in the Nebraska Sandhills that my father managed for over 48 years for an absentee owner. I worked along side him and the other ranch workers through college doing any job required on a cattle ranch that also put up approximately 2500 acres of prairie hay. I went to the University of Nebraska for three years majoring in Animal Science with a Science Option. I finished my BA at Chadron State College majoring in Biology with an Agriculture minor. I was also on the rodeo team at Chadron and qualified for the CNFR in barrel racing for the Central Rocky Mountain Region. I was also the North American Rodeo Commission (NARC) 1983 Barrel Racing Champion. I continued to rodeo successfully for a number of years, competing in the Nebraska, Colorado, and Mid-States Rodeo Associations. After graduation, I worked at Bear Creek Veterinary Clinic in Torrington, Wyoming, a mixed animal practice, at a Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory in Mitchell, Nebraska, and at the Goshen County Farm Service Agency, Torrington, Wyoming, as a compliance officer.

I returned to my ranching roots by leasing the ranch that I grew up on and several years later, purchased my own ranch near Thedford, NE, eventually partnering on ranches in Nebraska and Oklahoma as well. The last ranch we owned was sold in 2018.

I have been involved with small to medium sized horse breeding programs for approximately 25 years. I was responsible for foaling, managing stallions and broodmares, caring for and halter breaking weanlings and yearlings, monitoring the health of the entire herd which included giving IM and IV vaccinations, worming, caring for wounds and any other issues.

I have a skid steer with numerous attachments that can be used on a job. I also have my own carpentry equipment. I have extensive experience pulling living quarter trailers with horses and long, loaded flatbeds.

My previous employer, Dr. Linda Kennedy, who currently owns her own practice in Minnesota, would also have current knowledge of my practical animal health skills. Her number is 320-267-3102.

Dr. Jyme Nichols, Director of Equine Nutrition at Bluebonnet Feeds, is a long-time family friend and would be familiar with my equine skills. She can be reached at 580-768-9071.

Lisa and Wallis Cover own the ranch that I look after for them while they are on vacation or out of the country. Lisa Cover's number is 580-504-5750. Wallis Cover's number is 580-220-4264.

If you would be interested in visiting with me about an opening on a horse or cattle ranching operation or business, you can contact me by phone or text at 580-630-6567 or email [dianelkruse@icloud.com](mailto:dianelkruse@icloud.com) Thank you for your consideration.

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