



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Helping PAWS Pet Rescue, Inc

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Must be sixteen years of age - Under 18 Requires Parental Approval

Date: _____

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address(if different from Street): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Reference: (Name) _____ (Phone) _____

Other Volunteer Experience (Name of Organization/s & Dates Worked): _____

Pets Owned/Animal Related Experience:

Other related special skills, knowledge, abilities, interests:

I can commit to volunteer hours:

- Once a week
- Once a month
- Schedule permitting

Days you are available _____

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities: Please circle preferences

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Clean Litter and Condos | Tidy and Clean HPPR facility | Laundry |
| Cat Socialization | Poster Distributor for events | Dog Walking |
| Grant Writing | Fundraisers/Events | Pet Assisted Therapy |
| Foster Care | Computer/Clerical (data entry) | Social Media (FB, website) |

Other (describe): _____

How did you hear about our volunteer program? _____

If volunteering through referral from another agency (school, court, etc.), please indicate the agency, contact person, and number of hours required to volunteer:

APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT

In signing this application, I understand and agree to the following:

I agree to abide by **the policies and procedures** presented to me during the course of my volunteer activities. I understand that I am responsible for **reviewing all the materials** given to me at orientations and trainings.

I understand that the goal of volunteering is to offer enrichment, nutrition and husbandry to the animals at Helping Paws Pet Rescue (HPPR), and my actions should always further this goal. I understand that I can and should always seek guidance if I am ever unclear about the mission, philosophy or practices of HPPR.

I authorize Helping Paws Pet Rescue (HPPR) to seek **emergency medical treatment** in case of accident, injury, or illness. If I am injured while acting as an unpaid member of the volunteer staff, I am not covered by HPPR's insurance carrier.

I understand that if I am **injured** while acting as an unpaid member of the volunteer staff that I am not covered by Wisconsin state workers' compensation law.

I understand that HPPR welcomes & relies upon **volunteer feedback**. If I am ever in disagreement with any philosophy, policy or practice of HPPR, I agree to use the appropriate, **established communication channels** to share my concerns or feedback in order to eliminate miscommunication or redundant efforts. The channels are, in order:

- 1) Communicate first with either the Volunteer Team Leader in charge during your hours
- 2) If you feel your concern was not addressed at this level, you should then communicate it directly to the Director.

I know that as a HPPR volunteer, I represent the shelter, and I promise not to engage in any activity - whether physical, verbal or written - that may **cause harm to the reputation** of HPPR. I agree to be a **role model** for the humane treatment of animals, at home as well as while working with the shelter animals.

I understand that HPPR records or discussion regarding previous and new pet owners are to be kept **confidential**.

I understand that if I am bitten or witness a bite, it is my responsibility to report the bite **immediately** to HPPR (to either the Volunteer Team Leader or the Director). It is the law to report any bites where the skin may be broken. Failure to report may result in termination from Helping Paws Pet Rescue program.

HPPR has my permission to use any and all **photographs** taken of me to promote Rescue services and programs or to publicize any event. I understand that all prints, negatives, and graphics files become the sole property of HPPR and may be used without payment or prior notification.

I agree to **accept supervision** and support from the HPPR volunteer staff and understand that they will provide me with feedback to insure my safety or to help me perform my volunteer duties most effectively.

I agree to conduct myself in an appropriate and professional manner while volunteering for HPPR, following & publicly supporting HPPR philosophies, policies and practices.

I understand that failing to observe the above agreements along with the policies and procedures of Helping Paws Pet Rescue could result in my dismissal from the volunteer program

Date _____ Signature _____

PARENTAL CONSENT (Required for volunteers under 18 years of age)

I, _____, the parent/legal guardian of _____, consent to his/her participation as a volunteer with Helping Paws Pet Rescue. We acknowledge that the activities that he/she will participate in may include, but are not limited to, the handling of animals. We, on behalf of ourselves and the volunteer, take responsibility for and expressly assume any and all risks associated with the volunteer's participation in the rescue's activities and further agree to indemnify Helping Paws Pet Rescue and hold it harmless for and from any losses it may incur as a result of his/her participation.

Signature

Date