



Volunteer Application, Rancho Coastal Humane Society

GENERAL INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____ Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip

Telephone Home: (____) _____ Telephone Cell: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Best Way and Time to Reach You: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Are you 18 or older? Yes No Birthday: ____/____/____

What size tee-shirt do you prefer? XS S M L XL

Please list any medical conditions we may need to be aware of: _____

Whom should we contact in case of an emergency? Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Relationship to you? _____

ABOUT YOU

How did you hear about our volunteer program? _____

In addition to your love of animals, why do you want to become a RCHS volunteer? _____

Describe your experience with animals: _____

Describe any present or previous volunteer experience: _____

Describe any experience working with the public: _____

Describe any special skills you possess, for example animal care, fundraising, computer-related: _____



Please share any other information about your past experience that you think may be valuable for us to know: _____.

RCCHS tries to find homes for all of the animals in our care. However, for medical or behavioral reasons, euthanasia may be the only and necessary option. Please share your thoughts about euthanasia:

(OVER)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Please Note that RCCHS requires animal companion volunteers to meet certain physical requirements. If you have any questions, please contact the volunteer coordinator.

ANIMAL CARE:

___ Rabbits ___ Cats ___ Dogs _____ Grooming _____ Pet Therapy (must have own companion animal for program)

_____ Canine Coach _____ Foster Program _____ Other
(Please complete foster profile)

EDUCATION AND EVENTS:

_____ Event Planning/assistance _____ Kids Community Service _____ Safehouse Program

_____ Public Relations _____ Educational shelter tours _____ Other

GENERAL OFFICE:

_____ Graphic Design _____ Thrift Store retail _____ Front Desk Administrative

AVAILABILITY

RCCHS requires all volunteers commit to giving at least six hours a month for at least six months. Are you willing and able to fulfill this commitment? YES NO

Are you available between the hours of 9:30a-5:00pm at least one day of the week? YES NO

How often would you be able to volunteer? Weekly Bi-monthly Monthly

RCCHS requires all volunteers to participate in at least *two* community events annually. Would you be willing and able to fulfill this volunteer requirement? YES NO

Additional comments regarding your schedule: _____

Are you willing to let RCCHS place you in certain volunteer positions based on ability and need? YES NO

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Rancho Coastal Humane Society. The Volunteer Coordinator will look over your application as soon as possible. Please expect an email or phone call from us within five business days.





Essential Capabilities of Volunteers

Animal Care Team

There are several animal care needs at Rancho Coastal Humane Society (RCHS) that are typically fulfilled by volunteers who work with companion cats, dogs and bunnies. To serve as a RCHS volunteer safely and effectively, you need to possess the following physical, mental, and emotional capacities. Your signature on this form indicates you believe you possess these basic capabilities, with your written acknowledgement of any limitations. Please note: Some accommodations can be made and will be taken into consideration relative to role placement.

Essential Physical Capabilities

- Ability to leash/harness animals and handle small tools.
- Ability to walk unaided on unpaved, uneven, rugged and sometimes muddy and slippery terrain.
- Ability to bend and squat in order to leash/harness and pick up an animal.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to see and interpret animal body language without difficulty.
- Ability to hear if animal is growling or making sounds indicating fear or pain.
- Ability to hear calls of alarm (such as, audible warnings from others or sirens).
- Ability to maneuver well in tight spaces.
- Ability to deal with strong and unpleasant odors, fleas, feces and possible wounds or injuries to animals in our care.
- Ability to cope with a very loud environment.
- Average strength to assist with lifting small to medium size animals (up to 50 pounds).
- Must not have strong allergies to animals or to chemicals (such as, grooming or cleaning supplies) that can't be managed by medication.
- No known concerns about tolerating exposure to zoonotic diseases, such as ringworm and mange.

Essential Mental Capabilities

- Ability to understand, remember and follow instructions and procedures.
- Ability to communicate verbally, reading and writing in the English language.
- Ability to engage in problem-solving methods.
- Ability to receive, follow and sustain instruction and feedback.
- Ability to be aware of potentially dangerous situations when working with animals.
- Ability to remain calm with animals who are upset, act sensitively and confidently, and show good judgment in addressing these situations.

Essential Emotional Capabilities

- Ability to cope with unexpected animal behavior without assistance.
- Ability to cope with a highly emotionally-charged environment and in the presence of animals that are homeless, abandoned, injured and/or abused.
- Ability to understand Rancho Coastal Humane Society's policies and positions regarding companion animals, animal control, and other key animal welfare issues and an ability and willingness to appropriately and accurately represent those policies when interacting with RCHS staff, volunteer team and the public.

Please indicate any reasonable accommodation(s) you may need in order to meet the essential capabilities of your volunteer position at RCHS:

Applicant: Printed Name

Handwritten Signature

Date