

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Be Their Voice Rescue

(716) 868-9399



APPLICATION DATE _____

Name _____ DOB _____ DL # _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____ + _____

Phone #s: Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

E-mail address: (required)

Emergency Contact _____ Relation _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Why are you interested in volunteering at the shelter? _____

Do you currently have pets? ____ No ____ Yes If yes: How many? _____

What type / breed / age? _____

How long have you had them? _____

How did you get your pet(s)? _____

Please describe your experience with domestic animals: _____

Do you have special talents, skills, or training in handling domestic pets? _____

Do you have a health / medical situation that would be affected by working at the shelter? ____ No ____ Yes

If yes, please explain: _____

Please check what you can help with:

- Data entry / office duties
- Dog walking
- Dog training
- Assist with in-pound / off-site adoptions
- Help with photos / flyers
- Cat/Dog grooming

- Follow-up phone calls to adopters & others
- Fundraising activities
- Marketing & PR activities
- Off-site Shelter Awareness

1. I waive any and all claims I might have or may have in the future, against Be Their Voice Rescue, its officers, agents or employees, which do or might arise from my participation in activities at, or related to, Be Their Voice Rescue.
2. I fully understand, appreciate and accept the risks involved in activities at the Be Their Voice Rescue, including but not limited to the risks* associated with the handling of animals confined through this rescue, and hereby release the Rescue, its officers, agents and employees, including the Not for Profit Tax ID number, of any claim or inadequate warnings, inadequate precautions or inadequate control over the animals confined through their care.
3. Volunteers must carry personal medical insurance for potential injuries. A copy of your medical card is required. I am covered by (insurance company) _____, policy or ID # _____.

Volunteer Rules

- Don't allow dogs to pull, bite the leash, or jump up on you. If you need help addressing these behaviors, ask for help. Don't allow them to continue because bad behavior is reinforced if ignored or not properly addressed.
- Volunteers must use caution when walking dogs in proximity of other dogs to prevent possible fights. (Dogs are not allowed to socialize/play with other dogs in order to prevent injuries.)
- Try to walk other dogs; don't attach yourself to just one dog. They all need exercise and help.
- Volunteers are not allowed to exercise any quarantine dogs, sick dogs, dogs with questionable temperaments, dogs with "do not touch" signs on their cages, or any animal that the Animal Control (AC) staff advises against.
- No dog can be left unattended while being shown to the public in the exercise pens; nor shall a prospective adopter be allowed to handle the leash on a dog. Also, all meet and-greets (family pets being introduced to a shelter dog) MUST be supervised by a board member.
- Please report to staff (as well as note on the sheet outside of the dog's kennel) anything unusual, such as:
 - blood in stool
 - bleeding sores or wounds
 - vomiting or diarrhea
 - acting lethargic
 - limping, dragging of leg, etc.
 - If you are bitten, report it to the staff immediately so a bite report can be completed.

Working with the Cats:

- Kittens are NOT to be handled by the public (until 6 weeks of age their immune system is too weak and puts them at a high risk of infection). NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Volunteers MUST wash their hands before and after touching EACH cat (sterilizer lotion is acceptable) to minimize the transfer of any infection or illness from one cat to another.
- Volunteers should not take a cat into their arms until there is trust and a bond between volunteer and cat. (A cat may be calm in its cage, but once seeing other cats may react differently.)

I have read these rules, understand their content, and will abide by them.

Please print your name

Date

Signature

Witness

** risks include but not limited to: animal bites, scratches, fleas, ticks, diseases associated with fleas and ticks, ringworm, mange, other skin conditions, and other injuries sustained from handling animals**