

Brant County SPCA Volunteer Application Form



Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Are you over 16? _____ Yes (Applicants must be 16 years of age to volunteer)

Copy of Recent Police Clearance (dated in last 6 months) must be attached to volunteer application

Why are you interested in volunteering?

Previous volunteer or work experience:

Please check the volunteer opportunities you are interested in:

- Read and Relax** - This canine enrichment program helps decrease the stress levels of the dogs at shelter by allowing a volunteer to spent time reading to them in a quiet setting. Volunteers for this program will need to be comfortable around dogs, have good judgement skills, and excellent self-restraint.
- Adopt-a-thons** - This program is a high energy environment in a pet store setting where shelter animals are brought to meet the public and find their forever homes. Weekends are the key here and a volunteer must have excellent communication skills, transportation, good customer service skills, and the ability to handle different types of animals.
- Events** – Everything from Walk-a-thons to information booths, special events to pet pictures with Santa. Volunteers need to be high energy, good communicators, creative, flexible and have the ability to multi-task and think on their feet.
- Dog Walkers** - A key to the enrichment of our shelter dogs is walking and playing with people on a regular basis. Since there are often many animals who need this during the day volunteers are an important part of keeping our dogs happy and healthy. Volunteers need to be comfortable around small and larger dogs, have the ability to walk and maintain control of the dog, show self-restraint and show compassion to the dog they are in charge of.
- Cat Buddy** – This involves socializing and grooming cat and sometimes other small animals that come into our care. Volunteers should like cats both young and old, should enjoy play as well as caring for cats and small animals.
- Thrift Store** - The Brant County SPCA Thrift Store is a vital stream of revenue for our organization. Volunteers needed have to have excellent customer service skills, good communication abilities, be outgoing, reliable for set shifts, and dedicated to the organization.
- Foster Family** – Please see our website or ask shelter staff for the Foster Family Application Form. Foster parents provide temporary homes for animals prior to adoption. Cats are our most common pet needing foster homes, specifically kittens that are too young to be in the shelter, and moms with litters. Some animals don't do well in a shelter environment because they are frightened or need a little extra care. Newborn animals that need to be nursed or bottle-fed usually need foster care. Some animals need time to recover from an illness or injury before adoption. Whatever the reason, these animals need some extra love and care before they can be adopted. Providing foster care for a few days, weeks, or months can be a lifesaving gift to an animal.
- Lawn Cutting and Garden Maintenance** – This involves cutting the lawn with a riding lawn mower as well as using a grass trimmer to trim the edges of the property. The shelter is lined with many beautiful gardens and they require regular maintenance of weeds being pulled, plants being trimmed and mulched being turned.
- Shelter Maintenance** – This is an awesome opportunity for someone who loves to fix things and has their own tools. We are looking for someone that could come in and do odd jobs and regular maintenance on items around the shelter. Drywall patching, fixing broken cages and painting as needed.

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEERS

I, _____ hereby agree to accept a position as a volunteer worker with the Brant County SPCA, and in so doing agree to comply with all policies, rules and regulations, which may be established by the SPCA from time to time. I also understand that failure to comply with said may result in my immediate release as a volunteer.

I acknowledge that my services are provided strictly on a volunteer basis, without payment or compensation of any kind and without liability of any nature on behalf of the SPCA. I understand that all services performed by me are done so at my own risk. I also understand that I may refuse to perform any duty or task that I feel may place me or anyone else at personal risk.

I understand that in handling animals or by performing any other volunteer task, there exist risks of injury or personal harm. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives or executors, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Brant County SPCA. (Including it's officers, directors, agents and employees) from any and all claims, causes of action or demands of any nature or cause, including costs and attorney fees incurred or sustained by me in any way connected with my services for the SPCA, including but not limited to animal bites, accidents or injuries.

I also understand the public relations are an important part of the work of the SPCA. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors, I agree to allow the SPCA to use any photographs, films, videotapes or other visual representations taken of me in my volunteer services as aids in public relations efforts.

RABIES EXPOSURE DISCLAIMER

I, _____ a volunteer with the Brant County SPCA, understand that while I am handling any animal in the care of the SPCA, I could be at risk of coming in contact with an animal carrying the rabies virus.

I understand that the SPCA will take every effort to ensure that any animal handled by me is in good health and free of any disease but that the SPCA cannot guarantee the health or disposition of any animal in the care of the SPCA.

I understand that it is my responsibility to immediately report any bite or scratch caused by any animal in the care of the SPCA to a SPCA employee. The SPCA will then cause this animal to be held in quarantine (as per Ministry of Health regulations) so that the health of said animal can be monitored. I also understand that a Ministry of Health Inspector will assess said animal's health and make the findings available to me. If necessary, I understand that I will be provided with the proper post-exposure treatment (a series of vaccinations given by a Physician) to counteract my exposure to the rabies virus.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF LEFT UNTREATED RABIES IS A FATAL DISEASE AND HEREBY AGREE TO REPORT ANY AND ALL POSSIBLE RABIES EXPOSURE INCIDENTS TO THE SPCA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT OCCURS.

CONFIDENTIALITY

As a volunteer you are bound to encounter not only unique experiences, but also exclusive Brant County SPCA information. Throughout your duration of volunteering, you may have access to confidential information regarding the animals, staff, donors, volunteers or other types of SPCA information. For this reason we stress the importance of respecting confidentiality. Failure to comply with this request will result in ending your volunteer services, and could result in legal action. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to ask the shelter manager.

I, _____ have read the policies and waivers listed above and understand their content.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ Please print

Copy of Police Clearance must be attached to your application.

SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER: _____

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN: _____
(required if volunteer is under the age of 18 years)

SIGNATURE OF SPCA EMPLOYEE: _____

All volunteers will be required to attend an orientation training session.