



NORTH WEST ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer for the North West Animal Shelter ("NWAS"). We are a volunteer run organization and we truly could not operate without support from individuals like you.

As a new volunteer, you are required to complete this form for our consideration and records, including the Volunteer Waiver on Page 3, and the additional consent form on Page 4 for volunteers under 18.

We strive to ensure that our volunteers find their experience with NWAS rewarding and feel encouraged to contribute to the organization in various ways. Some of our programs include:

1. **Shelter Shifts.** By covering a shelter shift a volunteer agrees to come to the NWAS site during a specific time to take care of the animals and property. This responsibility could include cleaning cages and kennels, refilling food and water dishes, scooping litter and poop, giving medications, shoveling, vacuuming, sweeping, doing dishes, keeping detailed notes, and exercising animals either in the building, fence, or walking (when appropriate).
2. **Fostering.** As a foster volunteer an individual and their family agree to take an animal into their home on a temporary basis and to provide care to this animal as one would a pet of their own. These responsibilities can include training, exercising, and keeping the animal safe and healthy. For more information see our Foster Application.
3. **Public Outreach.** The NWAS often attends schools, craft fairs, and other public events or organizes their own events for the purpose of raising money, recruiting volunteers, and/or, raising awareness. Volunteers are needed to represent the NWAS at these events or to help facilitate participation in other ways, such as transporting animals, setting up displays, or advertising.
4. **Construction and Work Bees.** When the NWAS takes on large projects, we often require several volunteers to complete tasks that might involve physical labour and specialized skills.
5. **Administrative.** As the organization grows, so does the need to collect and organize information. Creating and maintaining appropriate templates, forms, and systems of filing is an ongoing project that requires a dedicated volunteer.
6. **Other.** Additional tasks needed to keep the organization functioning may include taking animals in for vet checks, retrieving animals from out of town, assisting in shipping animals, advertising, completing home checks, collecting business donations, or picking up and dropping off supplies or medications. Please specify which tasks you would be willing to perform.

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Volunteer Profile:

First Name:		Last Name:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:		Email:	
Age (if under 18):			

Programs of interest:

How much time are you interested in volunteering for NWAS? How often?

Describe your availability:

Please list any relevant experience or skills that you would bring to NWAS:

What do you hope to gain or contribute by volunteering with NWAS?

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VOLUNTEER WAIVER, INDEMNITY AND CONSENT:

In consideration of being permitted to volunteer at the North West Animal Shelter ("NWAS") I, the undersigned, voluntarily agree to the following:

1. I agree to conduct myself in a kind and professional manner as a volunteer and representative of the NWAS, and I will treat all animals, volunteers, and members of the public with the respect.
2. I agree to follow the policies and procedures as well as all written and verbal instructions given by the NWAS directors.
3. I recognize that my volunteering services are performed at my own risk. I agree that it is my responsibility to act in such a manner as to be responsible for my own safety while volunteering, as well as the safety of the animals, fellow volunteers, and members of the public.
4. As a volunteer on NWAS property, I recognize that I must have permission from one of the NWAS directors to bring another person or an animal onto the property. I take responsibility for the safety of any individuals that I allow on-site who have not signed a volunteer waiver. These individuals include family, friends, and pets. I understand that I may not permit individuals under the age of eighteen on-site without the written consent of their legal guardian.
5. As a volunteer, I understand that there is potential to contract illnesses through contact with animals, fellow volunteers, and members of the public. I agree that all inoculations, medical care and medications are my own responsibility and I release the NWAS from all responsibility in this respect. I acknowledge that the NWAS recommends that I advise my doctor that I may be handling animals and keep current with any immunizations that my doctor might recommend.
6. I agree to keep confidential indefinitely all NWAS records. I will not disclose information having to do with owners, both previous and current, or NWAS animals. I understand that this also applies to Pound animals and their owners.
7. I agree that the NWAS may refuse or terminate my participation in its volunteer programs at any time and without notice.
8. I acknowledge the risks and dangers inherent in handling animals and in otherwise volunteering with the NWAS and I freely assume and fully accept these risks. I hereby waive any rights to a cause of action I may have against the NWAS and its directors, officers, agents, employees, servants, representatives and assigns (collectively, "the NWAS and its Representatives"), and release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the NWAS and its Representatives from and against all claims, actions, costs, expenses and demands, in respect of the following, not limited to death, injury, loss or damage to person or property, arising out of or in connection with my volunteering, whatever the cause may be.

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SIGN-OFF

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM *(if the volunteer is under eighteen)*:

I, the undersigned, as parent or legal guardian of a volunteer under eighteen years of age, give my consent to the terms of the NWAS's Volunteer Waiver on this volunteer's behalf. In addition, if the child is under sixteen years of age, I recognize that the child must be accompanied by a responsible adult while volunteering for the NWAS.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____