

# Second Chance Animal Shelter, Inc.

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## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

*Thank you for considering to volunteer with Second Chance Animal Shelter. We are a non-profit, 501(c)3, corporation which operates a no kill shelter and foster care program for stray, abandoned, neglected, and surrendered dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens. We also run a low-income spay/neuter program. Volunteers with a variety of skills are needed to ensure the success of these programs. Your help is GREATLY appreciated. Please take the time to fill out this application and read and sign the agreement. This information will help us find the volunteer work that you would enjoy most and to keep you posted on new projects. After we review your information, a shelter representative will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities with Second Chance Animal Shelter.*

Adult       Jr. Volunteer (under 18)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME:
ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:	FAX:
EMAIL:	BEST WAY TO CONTACT:

What kind of volunteering are you interested in doing?

- Transport       Dog walking/feeding/care       Foster Home       Assisting at various events  
 Clerical       Cat Care       Fundraising       Veterinary Assistance  
 Telephone Calls       Coordinating Events/Volunteer Opportunities       Newsletter writing  
 Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any experience or training in any of the following related areas?

- Dog Training       Grooming       Fundraising       Veterinary Assistance  
 Animal Rescue       Kennel Assistant       Whelping       Writing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide specifics for any areas you checked:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a specific time available to volunteer or are you flexible? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you do for a living / what specific talents do you possess that you think would be a benefit to the shelter? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever volunteered at another shelter or animal related facility and/or do you hold any animal organization memberships? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to place and maintain one or more canisters at local businesses to help with fundraising?  
Yes No If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information that you think we should know to get to know you better: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What information would you like to know to get to know our organization better: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List three references (only one relative please).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
1.		
2.		
3.		

Do you presently own a dog or cat? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, please describe (if more than three, please list the rest on the reverse.):

<u>Cat's Name</u>	<u>Dog's Name</u>	<u>Breed/mix</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Where obtained?</u>
1.					
2.					
3.					

Who is your veterinarian (name, address, phone #):  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you do not currently own a dog or cat, have you owned dogs or cats in the past?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please describe them and what happened to them: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Agreement

In consideration of this opportunity to volunteer, I agree to the following terms and conditions, intending to be legally bound by them:

1. I will abide by the mission, rules, regulations, policies and programs of Second Chance Animal Shelter while I am a volunteer.
2. If I stop being a volunteer for Second Chance Animal Shelter for any reason, or upon the Shelter's request at any time, I will promptly return all of the Shelter's supplies, equipment, records, moneys, and other items in good clean condition.
3. I assume the risks of being bitten, scratched, injured, or frightened by cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies in connection with my volunteer work for the Shelter. Second Chance Animal Shelter is not liable to me for any injuries, damages, liabilities, losses, judgments, costs or expenses whatsoever, which I might suffer or sustain in connection with the performance of my volunteer activities for the Shelter, unless they are the result of the Shelter's gross negligence or intentional misconduct. I will indemnify, defend and hold the Shelter harmless from and against any claims, lawsuits, injuries, damages, losses, costs or expenses whatsoever, sustained by any companion animal or any person in connection with my intentional misconduct or grossly negligent performance of volunteer activities for the Shelter, or my breach of Shelter's rules, regulations, policies and programs.
4. I understand and agree that the Shelter may refuse volunteer applications for any reason.
5. If I will be sheltering or providing foster care or boarding any of the Shelter's animals in my home or business, I consent to the Shelter visiting my home or business from time to time to observe the animals and their living quarters.
6. I have accurately and truthfully completed this Volunteer Application and Agreement.
7. Any modification to this Agreement must be in writing signed by both parties. This Agreement is binding upon the Shelter, me, and the Shelter's and my respective heirs, successors, assigns, executors, and personal representatives.

### **PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

In consideration of the Shelter offering this volunteer opportunity, I/We agree to the following, intending to be legally bound:

1. My/our child(ren), or child(ren) under my/our guardianship, has enough experience with \_\_\_ dogs and/or \_\_\_ cats and is mature enough to volunteer with the Shelter and to participate in activities with \_\_\_ dogs/puppies of all sizes, and/or \_\_\_ cats and kittens.
2. Whenever my/our child(ren), or a child(ren) under my/our legal guardianship, participate(s) in the Shelter's activities, I/We hereby release, and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Shelter, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, and its and their heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives, from and against liability for any injuries, damages, liabilities, losses, judgments, costs or expenses whatsoever (the "Losses"), which such child(ren) or any pet or other person might suffer or sustain, except any Losses which are the result of the Shelter's gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

I acknowledge that there are risks that the child(ren) could be bitten, scratched, injured or frightened by the \_\_\_ dog/puppies and/or the \_\_\_ cats/kittens and I/we assume such risks.

3. I understand and agree that the Shelter may refuse volunteer applications for any reason.
4. I have accurately and truthfully completed this Permission and Release Form.
5. This Permission and Release Form is binding upon me, my spouse, partner, and my and his or her respective heirs, successors, assigns, executors, and personal representatives.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT**

**SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Title

**IF UNDER 18:  
PARENT/GUARDIAN**

**SPOUSE/PARTNER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Mail these forms to:**

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