



Wanderers' Rest Humane Association

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Volunteer Application

About Wanderers' Rest Humane Association

Wanderers' Rest Humane Association (WRHA) is the sole open admission dog and cat shelter in Madison County. We are dedicated to providing the highest quality care and compassion for the animals entrusted to us, striving to enhance adoptability, and re-homing adoptable animals at the highest rate possible, while educating and leading our community in creating a more humane society.

WRHA is located in Canastota, New York and serves more than one thousand dogs and cats from Madison County each year. Through our public education programs the shelter promotes responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals. Wanderers' Rest is a non-profit 501c3 organization that welcomes contributions and volunteers.

Wanderers' Rest depends on the help of volunteers in many ways. Volunteering can be a fun and rewarding way of helping the homeless pets entrusted to us. Just a few hours a week can make a huge difference in the lives of our sheltered pets.

Please fill out all areas of the application.



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Please print so that we can read it. Otherwise, it may delay your application.

Contact Information

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| Name: | _____ | | | | |
| Address: | _____ | | | | |
| City: | _____ | State: | _____ | Zip: | _____ |
| Phone: | (home) _____ | (cell) _____ | (work) _____ | | |
| email: | _____ | | | | |

Personal Information

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| Age: _____ (Note: 12-15 old must be accompanied by a parent, 16-17 requires parental consent). |
| Emergency contact person: _____ Phone: _____ |
| Anything we should know in case of emergency? _____ |
| Why are you interested in volunteering at WRHA? _____ |
| What experience do you have working with animals? _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |



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Personal Information - continued

List any previous volunteer work or experience with animals: _____

What skills would you like to learn while volunteering at WRHA? _____

What tasks would you NOT feel comfortable doing? _____

Date of last tetanus booster: _____

We require that you have a tetanus booster within the last ten years before working with the animals

Do you have medical insurance? Yes No

Would you be interested in finding out more information about becoming a foster parent?

Yes No

WRHA is an open admission shelter. As a result, some animals are euthanized due to behavior, illness, court order, and/or space. How do you feel about this?



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Volunteer Job Categories

Please read the job categories below and indicate which areas you are interested in. You may check as many categories as you like.

Office Support

This includes greeting visitors, showing them where to find the sign-in sheet, and the location of the animals. Also, you can answer the phone and take messages for the appropriate individuals.

TLC

This fun job includes caring for the animals by walking, socializing, brushing, bathing, and feeding them. Basic one-on-one interaction.

Kennel Assistant

There is a great deal of work that our shelter staff must complete each day. This includes cleaning and sanitizing the kennels/cages, washing the floors, cleaning up the grounds, laundry, etc. Assisting the staff with these every day tasks is a big help.

Transportation

We need volunteers to drive animals to and from vet offices, and transporting animals to and from offsite adoption centers and events. You must be a least 18 years old with a valid driver's license.

Maintenance

Facility upkeep is essential in running a successful shelter. We always need help with the basic outdoor tasks such as mowing the lawn, weed whacking, landscaping, shoveling, snow blowing, etc. Also, if you are handy in carpentry or repair work, please let us know.

Computer/Social Media Skills

If you are skilled in computer hardware/software/networking, and/or social media please let us know.

Dog Training

If you are skilled in dog obedience training, please let us know. Typically, most of our dogs need some attention and training. If you are willing to assist our staff in these efforts we would greatly appreciate it. This is done only by certified professionals and we use reward based training methods only.



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Special Events

We try to take animals into the community as much as possible. Not only does this improve their chance of adoption, but it allows the animals to get out of their kennels/cages for an extended period of time. We normally have an offsite adoption event at least once a week. We need volunteers to help manage the event table, help with the cats, and transport/handle dogs at the event. Offsite events are typically run solely by volunteers, so it is imperative that we have reliable and trustworthy people who are willing to help. These events are wonderful because they allow exposure of the adoptable animals, and fund-raising for the shelter.

Foster Care

This opportunity is for volunteers 21 and up. Volunteers may fill out a foster parent application if they are interested in fostering animals at home. If you qualify, this rewarding experience will allow you to take home an animal for a certain period of time, There you will care for the animal until it is adopted or ready to be brought back to the shelter. The amount of time a person could potentially foster varies from two weeks to three months.

The staff at Wanderers' Rest appreciates your interest in volunteering. However, we cannot always accommodate all applicants. Once we have accepted and cleared your application, the Volunteer Coordinator will contact you to schedule a volunteer orientation. All volunteer applicants must attend the basic orientation before beginning volunteer duties. Volunteers interested in walking dogs and/or handling dogs at offsite adoption events must go also through the dog handling orientation.

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (if required): _____

Date: _____

Please initial here _____ if you read and understand this document. If approved, you will be called to schedule a time/date for your volunteer orientation. Thank you for your interest and application.

WRHA reserves the right to take disciplinary action against anyone who violates the privileges of volunteering at this facility. WRHA reserves the right to refuse to permit anyone to perform community service hours if they are aggressive, violent, disturb others, or behave in anyway that is intimidating, violent, disruptive, or criminal in nature towards the staff, other volunteers, or the animals on these premises. Thank you for understanding.