

PORTER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

*"We are their shelter, You are their Future"*

2056 Heavilin Rd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*All Volunteers MUST be 16 years of age or older**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in volunteering:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Inside the shelter** – Giving attention to the animals, walking dogs, petting the animals, grooming, cleaning cages/kennels, general help

\_\_\_\_\_ **Outside the shelter**- Booths at fairs, pet adoption events, fundraising, telephone calling (volunteers, donations), education programs in schools, distribution of pet flyers, etc.

Days Available: Mon. \_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_ Sun. \_\_\_

Times Available: Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ (Tues-Fri)

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

**BATHING-** helps to make the animals more adoptable. It improves health and attitude by removing ticks, fleas, matted hair and burrs.

**CLEANING-** There is always cleaning and laundry to do. Feel free to throw in a load of laundry or clean up were you see needed.

**WALKING AND SOCIALIZING-** gives the animals a chance to get exercise and relieves stress. Also allows us to get to know then animal's personality so they have a better chance of being adopted by the right family.

## REQUIREMENTS:

**AGE-** Must be 16 years of age or older to volunteer.

**SAFETY-** Everyone must wear long pants, work boots, or gym shoes

**PROTECTION-** We suggest everyone have a current tetanus shot.

**INJURY-** If you are bitten or scratched, report this to a shelter employee immediately.

**RESTRICTED AREAS-** ALL volunteers are not permitted to handle any animals in the bite room or any kennel marked with a "caution" tag.

**ORIENTATION-** Every volunteer must attend an orientation before volunteering.

*If volunteer is under the age of 18 years old, his/her parent or guardian must be present to sign this volunteer agreement.*

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The undersigned, for and in consideration of the pleasure of working with and caring for animals, provides his/her work, time, and energy, hereinafter called “services” with the full understanding that said services will not be compensated in any manner, and therefore are “voluntary.” Further, it is the understanding of the undersigned that, since the services are of a voluntary nature, the undersigned waives any claim for lost wages, pain, and suffering, and/or any compensatory, consequential, and/or incidental damages he/she may sustain as a result of providing the voluntary service.

The undersigned further agrees to release and hold harmless Porter County and the Porter County Animal Shelter for any claims which may arise as a result of performing volunteer work, including injury to person or property.

The undersigned further understands that as a volunteer they are not covered by Porter County insurance or worker’s compensation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Worker Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Worker (print)