



Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the SPCA! Volunteers are vital to our organization. Our goal is to develop a long-term relationship with you of **at least 6 months**. If you are interested in short term community service hours for school, please contact Alane at 863/646-7722 x 112. If you are **at least 16 years of age**, or 12-15 years old and have a parent willing to volunteer **with you at all times**, please complete the information below. Certain positions may require you to be at least 16 or 18 years of age, this will be noted in position descriptions below. Once this form is submitted, you will be contacted about an upcoming volunteer orientation to get started.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Apt. # _____

E-mail Address _____ Birth Date _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Are you 16 years of age or older? Yes No

(If NO, do you have a parent willing to come with you to volunteer? Yes No)

Are you currently: ___Retired ___Employed ___Unemployed ___ Student

Current Employer if employed, OR previous employer if retired? _____

Have you ever volunteered before? _____ Where? _____

How did you hear about SPCA? _____

We have many ways to help out the animals of the SPCA!

Read below for our positions & age requirements, and check those areas that most interest you. (Unless noted with a specific age, the age requirements are 12-15 with a parent or 16 and up.)

_____ **Cattery Care**- Our kitties are very social animals and need cuddling & human bonding time. Position may also entail showing animals to potential adopters, assisting the staff with cleaning cages and providing toys and food to the animals.

_____ **Dog Walkers** - Work with animals to provide exercise, love and help continue and improve social skills in the animals. Additional training class will be required.*Must be at least 16 years of age.

_____ **General Animal Care** – Feeding the animals, cleaning kennels, and socializing with the animals prior to the adoption center opening. Times: 8-11 am Mon-Sat and 9-1 on Sunday for cleaning & feeding.

_____ **Adoption Assistant** – Escort visitors through the catteries and kennels, answer basic questions about the animals and the adoption process and help facilitate animal adoptions. This position requires an additional 2 hour training course once you complete basic orientation.

_____ **Off Site Adoption Assistant** – Help staff set-up, care for, and assist with animal adoptions. Locations include Brandon, Lakeland and Winter Haven pet stores, as well as various other locations.

_____ **Special Events Assistant** – Assisting with annual fundraising and special events. Help gather donations and set up for events such as our Annual Auction and Spring Walkathon event.

_____ **Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic** -Assist staff with making surgery packs, prepping animals for surgery and observing pets during their recovery period. *Must be 16 years of age.

_____ **Foster Caregiver** – Provide a temporary home for orphaned, sick, or injured animals. An additional application will need to be completed. *Must be at least 18 years of age.

_____ **Customer Service; Greeter & Escort** – Greet and assist customers to the catteries & kennels. Everyone who walks in the door has the ability to change a life that day; they must be treated that way!

_____ **Animal Grooming-** Bathe and groom animals from the adoption floor before they go to their new homes or as needed.

* Additional positions are available as needed to qualified applicants in such areas as: Animal photography/Web site volunteer, Grant research, Humane Education, Tour Guides and Public Relations. Please let us know if you have interest or experience in any of these areas! Or if you have a particular area of interest that you do not see listed on this application, please feel free to speak with Alane about those options if they are needed.

Availability: (note times available to volunteer; hours may range between 8 am & 5 pm)

Mon:	Tues:	Wed:	Thurs:	Fri:	Sat:	Sun:

Please let us know any specific skills you have that would be helpful to you as a volunteer:

Statement of Interest: Please explain why you are interested in volunteering at the SPCA, and what you wish to accomplish by participating in the SPCA's volunteer program.

*Please note: Applicants are reviewed on an individual basis. Selection and placement of volunteers is based on the current needs of the SPCA, skills and interests of the volunteers and the applicant's ability to demonstrate personal commitment to the volunteer program. Thank you for your patience during the application process.

SPCA Release Statement:

I, _____ (print name), agree to comply with the rules and regulations established by the SPCA. I recognize that in handling animals and performing other volunteer tasks there exists a risk of injury, including physical harm, caused by the animals. On behalf of myself, personal representatives and executors, I hereby release discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless SPCA, Inc., its agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims, causes of action, or demands of any nature or cause. This includes costs and attorney's fees incurred by the SPCA, Inc. in connection with the same, based on damages or injuries which may be 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 hereby also consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by the SPCA, Inc. or anyone authorized by the SPCA, Inc. of any and all photographs that are taken of me while volunteering for any purpose, without compensation.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Emergency contact: _____ **Home phone #:** _____ **work #:** _____

Parent/Guardian name, if under 18 (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature, if under 18: _____ **E-mail:** _____