



## **Wanderers' Rest Humane Association**

### **VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

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*WRHA is an open admission shelter dedicated to providing the highest quality of care and compassion for the animals entrusted to us while leading our community in creating a more humane society.*

#### **Goals of our shelter:**

*Prevent cruelty to and suffering of all animals*  
*Teach the public responsible animal care*  
*Find appropriate and loving home for our animals*  
*Give shelter and quality care to animals in need*  
*Help lower pet overpopulation through humane education*

#### **Volunteer and Foster Care Coordinator:**

Stefanie Higgins  
(315) 697-2796 @ Shelter  
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**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK/CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **12-15 (parents must be with minor at all times)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **16-17 (requires parental consent)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **18-30**

\_\_\_\_\_ **31-50**

\_\_\_\_\_ **51-65**

\_\_\_\_\_ **66+**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE OF CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

What is your availability in terms of hours and days of the week?

We are currently recruiting dedicated and compassionate volunteers who can commit to a schedule. Can you commit to volunteering at least once a week?

Why are you interested in volunteering with WRHA?

What experience do you have working with animals?

List any previous volunteer work:

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

What tasks would you not feel comfortable participating in?

We are an open admission shelter and as a result some animals are euthanized due to behavior, illness, and/or space. How do you feel about this?

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

## Medical Information:

Date of last tetanus booster: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you have medical insurance? YES / NO

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*Please read the position descriptions below and indicate which areas you are interested in volunteering your time. You may check as many areas 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 telephone calls and take messages for the appropriate individuals.

### TLC

\_\_\_\_\_ This fun job includes caring for the animals by walking, socializing, brushing, bathing, and feeding them.

### Kennel Assistant

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

### Transportation

\_\_\_\_\_ We need volunteers to drive animals to and from vet offices in the morning and transporting animals to and from offsite events. You must be 18 years old and have a clean NYS 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.

## Special Events

\_\_\_\_\_ We try to bring animals into the community as much as possible. Not only does this higher their chance of adoption, it also allows them a break from the shelter. We currently have wonderful relationships with vendors and pet stores that often ask us to be present at their events. We need volunteers to help man the Wanderers' Rest table while others are needed to handle the animals in the public. These volunteers also will assist in the adoption process at the site. 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 also allow exposure and fundraising for the shelter.

## Dog Training

\_\_\_\_\_ For those of you who have special skills and/or training in dog obedience, we welcome you aboard! Typically, most of our dogs need some attention and training. If you are willing to spend some one and one time with our dogs it would greatly increase their chances of being adopted.

## 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 they 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. If interested, you would receive more detailed information involving foster care.

## COMMENTS:

Please take a moment to tell us in your own words what your special skills are. Do you enjoy interacting with people, are you a great carpenter, do you feel comfortable fundraising for the shelter, are you a talented artist, etc. The sooner we get to know what all of your special and unique talents are, the sooner we can work as a team committed to caring for and placing our animals into their FUR-EVER homes!

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**All of 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 session. All volunteer applicants must attend the basic orientation before beginning volunteer duties.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian of minor

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