



## GROUP SERVICE PROJECT VOLUNTEER REQUEST FORM

Today's Date : \_\_\_\_\_

The Roanoke Valley SPCA is very fortunate to have many committed volunteers, without whom we would not be able to fulfill our mission to create a community where there are no homeless cats or dogs through the power of adoption, prevention and intervention. We look forward to your help.

Due to unknown vaccination history of many shelter animals, volunteers must be 16 years of age to work at the shelter without adult group leaders.

### Group Information

Group Name:	
Business/Organization/School:	
Mailing Address:	
Number of people in group:	
Age range of group:	
Contact Name:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	
Preferred date and time:	
Alternative date and time:	

We understand many groups wish to volunteer with a shelter so they can have time with the animals. Unfortunately, our facility cannot accommodate large groups interacting directly with the pets in the shelter outside of morning cleaning opportunities. To volunteer directly with the pets, we welcome small groups (2-3 people). We have opportunities for large groups to help with special events, trail maintenance.

Tell us a little about your group. Why they chose the Roanoke Valley SPCA.

Please share the following information with all volunteers with your group.

The state of Virginia requires volunteers have never been (i) charged with, or convicted of, animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment, or (ii) the subject of a civil proceeding to terminate my ownership rights in a dog, cat, or other companion animal.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We're working to create a community where there are no homeless cats or dogs through the power of adoption, prevention and intervention.

## POLICY

It is the policy of the Roanoke Valley Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to provide humane care for all animals in our care and to seek suitable homes for animals without owners.

In anticipation that you and your group will be accepted in the Roanoke Valley SPCA Volunteer program, please read and sign the below agreement.

We understand and agree with the Policy of the RVSPCA. In signing this application, we understand and agree to the following: we will do our best to represent this organization as volunteers. We will take ideas, constructive comments, suggestions, and criticisms directly to the Volunteer Coordinator and agree to be supervised by the Volunteer Coordinator or assigned team leader. If communication concerns develop between employees and our group, we will report them to the Volunteer Coordinator or team leader as soon as possible. We authorize the RVSPCA to seek emergency medical treatment in case of accident, injury or illness and to hold harmless any agency in the event of an accident, injury or illness. We understand if injured while acting as an unpaid member of the volunteer staff is not covered by Virginia State Workers Compensation Law.

We grant permission to use any photograph or video for promotional use, knowing it will be done in good taste.

## ZOONOTIC DISEASE DISCLOSURE

Zoonotic diseases are those that can be passed from other species to humans. Examples are ringworm, tapeworm, roundworms and rabies. We impress upon all volunteers that safe handling techniques and hygiene are important elements of protecting ourselves from these diseases. Washing hands after handling any animal is critical. Please understand that many of the animals arriving at the shelter have had no previous veterinary care and may expose you to disease. While the occurrence of disease transmission is rare, please understand that the Roanoke Valley SPCA cannot assume financial, medical, or veterinary responsibility for any transmissions that may occur to yourself, your family or companion animals.

Anyone who is pregnant or may become pregnant or has a compromised immune system should consult their physician before volunteering with the Roanoke Valley SPCA.

Please sign below acknowledging you have read and understand the possible risks of volunteering with the Roanoke Valley SPCA.

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Signature of Group Organizer

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Date

A SAFE SHELTER

