ROANOKE VALLEY SPCA

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FAMILY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Date of application: _____

The Roanoke Valley Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the "RVSPCA") 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.

The RVSPCA values and understands the importance of families giving back through volunteering. Due to the unknown vaccination history of many shelter animals, volunteers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or another trusted adult volunteer. Children volunteering with an adult be at least 10 years of age.

Steps to Becoming a Family Volunteer for the RVSPCA:

1. Complete and return your Family Volunteer Application to the RVSPCA Programs Coordinator.
2. Pay a one-time, non-refundable $30 volunteer registration fee. This covers the cost of up to 3 volunteer t-shirts, materials and insurance. This fee helps to ensure that the vast majority of our funding is spent directly on animal care. Please understand that your volunteer fee is non-refundable and will be considered a contribution to the shelter should you decide to forgo volunteering. T-shirts awarded upon completion of orientation and 4 hours of volunteer work.
3. Once your application and fee are received, you will receive an invitation to register for Volunteer Orientation. Volunteer orientation is held in-person monthly on a Saturday at 9:00AM. Online orientation is also available. Contact edams@rvspca.org for more information on Volunteer Orientation.
4. Attend additional online or in-person training as required for specific activities.
5. Commit to 4 hours a month to remain an Active volunteer.

PARENT OR ADULT INFORMATION

Name:_____

Street Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Home Phone:_____ Work Phone:_____ Cell Phone:_____

Email:_____
Email is the PRIMARY source of **communication used by the volunteer program.**

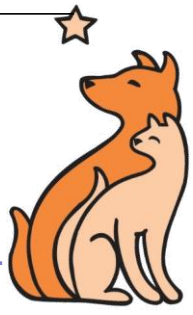
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

I certify that that I 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.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____ **Date**_____

Your information will be kept on file with the RVSPCA and may be used for mailings and other communications but will not be shared with any organization not affiliated with the RVSPCA.



CHILD'S INFORMATION (up to 2 children per adult volunteer)

Child's Name:_____ Date of Birth:_____

Child's Name:_____ Date of Birth:_____

Parent's Name:_____
(If Child(ren) are volunteering with a non-parent. Parental permission required.)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:_____

Relationship:_____ Phone Number:_____

Name:_____

Relationship:_____ Phone Number:_____

OTHER INFORMATION

What lead you to consider volunteering with the RVSPCA?_____

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Have you volunteered at any other animal welfare agency in the past? Yes No
If yes, where did you volunteer and what did you do for that organization?

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Have you had any formal training in pet care, animal handling/training or animal welfare? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

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What are your expectations of volunteering at the RVSPCA? _____

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Briefly describe your history of pet ownership and experience with pets. List all animals currently in your home.

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Are your pets spayed/neutered? Yes No
Are they current on their vaccines? Yes No

o you have any experiences or special skills that you are willing to share with the RVSPCA?

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Do you have any limitations or disabilities that might hinder you from participation in some activities (such as heart conditions, back injury, allergies, etc)?

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A volunteer's time commitment can be very flexible at the Roanoke Valley SPCA! You can change your shifts anytime. We ask that all volunteers plan for a minimum of 4 hours monthly to remain Active. When a volunteer has been Inactive for 6 months, their account will be deleted.

Volunteers are an integral part of our team. You can choose to work directly with the animals or contribute your services in other ways to the organization!

PLEASE MARK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST

- ☐ Animal Care Assistant (cleaning and feeding/watering animals)
- ☐ Building and Grounds Maintenance (including dog-walking trail)
- ☐ Canine Enrichment (training and socialization)
- ☐ Community Cat Crew (outdoor cat program)
- ☐ Dog-walking
- ☐ Feline Enrichment (training and socialization)
- ☐ *Foster Parent (*separate application required*)*
- ☐ Off-site Events
- ☐ Pet Haven Helper (Memorial Gardens clean-up/landscaping)
- ☐ Visiting Pets Program (visit nursing homes, etc with therapy or otherwise qualified dogs)

Other areas not listed above:

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ABOUT THE ROANOKE VALLEY SPCA

Our Mission

The Roanoke Valley SPCA is a community resource that provides pet adoption, retention, and education services in Virginia's Blue Ridge.

Our Values

We believe people will make good decisions for animals when they are treated with kindness and understanding, and when they have enough information and resources. These shared values are the foundation on which we build the work of our organizations.

- We are compassionate and dedicated to the humane and ethical treatment of all beings. We act with empathy and understanding.
- We are committed, with an unwavering focus, to effecting change for the betterment of animals.
- We are inclusive. We strive to create a community of animal welfare advocates.
- We act with integrity and maintain the highest levels of animal care. We are transparent and professional and offer extraordinary customer service.
- We are progressive and forward-thinking. We are leaders in the advancement of animal welfare.
- We believe that pets and people belong together; that financial circumstances alone are not reliable indicators of the capacity to love and care for a companion animal.

Our Vision

To have a community where animal welfare is valued and demonstrated leading to positive outcomes for animals and people.

All staff and volunteers must bring a kind, open-minded, and non-judgmental attitude towards members of our community who are in need. We do not tolerate rudeness or discrimination when representing the Roanoke Valley SPCA.

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.

Signature: _____ Date:_____

Signature of Child(ren)'s Parent:_____Date: _____
(if adult volunteer is not the parent)

VOLUNTEER RELEASE FORM

In anticipation that you will be accepted in the RVSPCA Volunteer program, please read and sign the below agreement.

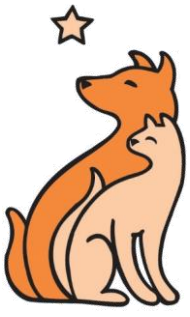
I,_____, agree to accept a position as a volunteer for the RVSPCA. I agree to comply with all of the policies, rules, and regulations including any, which may be established from time to time by the RVSPCA. I agree to stay with my minor child(ren), at all times, when volunteering with the RVSPCA. I understand that failure to do so may result in my immediate termination as a volunteer.

I acknowledge that our services are provided strictly on a volunteer basis, without any pay or compensation of any kind, and without any liability of any nature on behalf of the RVSPCA, all services to be performed by me at my own risk.

I recognize working animals and performing other volunteer tasks, there exists a risk of injury including physical harm caused by animals. I understand that because I may handle animals, it is important for me to speak with my physician about the tetanus and rabies pre-exposure vaccinations. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and executers, I release, discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless the RVSPCA, its agents, servants, and employees for any and all claims, causes of action, or demands, of any nature or cause, including costs and attorney's fees incurred by the RVSPCA 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 RVSPCA, including, but not limited to: animal bites, accidents, or injuries.

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

Signature:_____ Date _____

Printed Name:_____ Parents Name:_____
(adult volunteer)

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