

## Volunteer Application: Youth

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Suncoast Animal League. We rely on the generosity and hard work of our amazing volunteers, and hope your experience with us will be fulfilling for both you and the animals. And while you may wish to handle the animals, we may need you to answer phones or clean kennels first. Volunteering is rewarding, but please keep in mind, IT IS HARD WORK.

The following questions will help enable us to fit the right volunteering opportunities with your skills and personality. The League has a small shelter so we may not always need immediate assistance in the field you are requesting. We appreciate your patience and will be in touch as soon as possible. **Please Print.**

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

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home  Work

Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the League? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the **greatest skill** you can offer during your volunteering at Suncoast Animal League? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope to get out of your experience while volunteering at the League? \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite hobbies/interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on...?  Facebook  Twitter  Other social networks \_\_\_\_\_

Would you **prefer** working with...?  Animals  Public  Behind the scenes  Alone

Please indicate the **days/times** you are available to volunteer:

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Using a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning NOT AT ALL COMFORTABLE to 5 meaning VERY COMFORTABLE, how comfortable are you...?

	NOT AT ALL COMFORTABLE				VERY COMFORTABLE
Working with the public?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Answering phones?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Working in a team environment?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Taking direction from others?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Assuming a leadership role?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
(please check your areas of interest)

- Front Office: General Administration**  
**Days/times needed: Wednesday – Saturday: 11am – 4pm**  
Light office work – answer phones, check/respond to email inquiries, check/respond to voice mail, etc.  
**NOTE: FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES, WE ASK FOR A WEEKLY SHIFT COMMITMENT.**
  
- Front Office: Greeter/Answering Phones**  
**Days/times needed: Wednesday – Saturday 11am – 4pm**  
Greet the public, answer questions regarding adoptions, general pet care, events, fundraising, etc., direct incoming phone calls to appropriate party, etc.  
**NOTE: FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES, WE ASK FOR A WEEKLY SHIFT COMMITMENT.**
  
- Cat Care Team**  
Assist with cleaning cat cages, replenish food, change water and scoop or change litter boxes, as necessary. Wash cat dishes; assist with laundry, as needed.  
**NOTE: FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES, WE ASK FOR A WEEKLY SHIFT COMMITMENT.**
  
- PetSmart Adoptions**  
**Days/times needed: Saturday & Sunday**  
**Shift 1: 10am – 1pm**          **Shift 2: 2pm – 4pm**  
Conduct adoptions off-site at PetSmart. Provide personality backgrounds of animals; answer questions regarding adoptions, general pet care, etc.  
**NOTE: FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES, WE ASK FOR A WEEKLY SHIFT COMMITMENT.**
  
- Events**  
Assist in setting up and taking down of tents, tables, chairs, displays, etc. **Must be able to lift 25 lbs.**
  
- 3<sup>RD</sup> Friday Team: Monthly**  
Each month the League has a booth at Safety Harbor’s “3<sup>rd</sup> Friday” and we need volunteers to greet the public, hand out flyers, answer questions about our adoptable pets, sell League merchandise, etc.
  
- Distribution Team**  
In preparation for major League events, the team attends local events, to hand out event flyers, discuss League programs and adoptions. Must have an enthusiastic attitude and be comfortable talking to public.

Please read the following information closely. It is intended to make your experience at the League safe and informed.

**1. Animal Bites and/or Scratches**

I understand that I must immediately report all bites and/or scratches to the designated person in charge.

**2. Rabies**

Many animals without proof of rabies vaccination will be received at the League. The risk of coming into contact with a rabid animal is extremely rare, however possible. Animals four months of age or older, which are placed for adoption, will have received their rabies vaccination. I understand that pre-exposure rabies shots are available, but not required. I also understand that the pre-exposure vaccine does not prevent rabies; it merely reduces the number of injections required after contact with a rabid animal.

**3. Tetanus**

- a. Suncoast Animal League recommends you have a tetanus shot prior to volunteering.
- b. If you do not have an up-to-date tetanus shot, nor do you intend to acquire a tetanus shot prior to volunteering, please read and sign the following important information:

- 🐾 If I am injured in any way including but not limited to, any open wound while volunteering for the League, I agree to seek immediate medical attention and receive a tetanus shot at that time along with any other treatment that is recommended by the medical provider.
- 🐾 I acknowledge that I am aware of the dangers of contracting Tetanus, and that Tetanus is completely preventable by immunization. Immunization is considered to provide protection for ten (10) years.
- 🐾 I am aware that the symptoms include spasms and tightening of the jaw muscles, stiffening of the neck and other muscles, spasms and rigidity of the back muscles, often causing aching, seizures, irritability and fever. Other symptoms include excessive sweating, difficulty swallowing, hand and foot spasms, uncontrolled urination and defecation.
- 🐾 I am aware that complications of Tetanus are: airway obstruction, respiratory arrest, heart failure, pneumonia, vertebral fractures and sometimes death.
- 🐾 I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby acknowledge that Suncoast Animal League has recommended that all volunteers receive a tetanus shot prior to volunteering. Booster shots are recommended every ten (10) years in order to be effective.

**4. Terms and Conditions of Volunteering**

- a. I fully understand and agree to provide my services to the League without expressed or implied promise of salary, compensation, employment type benefits, including, but not limited to employment insurance programs, worker’s compensation accrual in any form, vacations or sick time.
- b. I fully understand that the dispositions of the animals which are handled at the League are not always known. I agree to hold the League harmless for any injury(s) that I may incur, including, but not limited to, animal bites and/or scratches which I may sustain from handling animals during the course of my volunteer duties.
- c. I fully understand and agree to assume all risks involved in any and all duties that I perform for the League in my volunteer capacity. I also agree to follow the policies and procedures of the League.
- d. I fully understand that the League expects a high standard of moral and ethical conduct in the treatment of the animals in their care. I agree to adhere strictly to these standards in my volunteer capacity while at or representing the League.
- e. I agree to treat League staff, fellow volunteers and the public with honor and respect at all times.
- f. I agree to provide a minimum 24-hour notice if I am unable to come in during a scheduled volunteer day.
- g. I agree to wear proper attire while representing the League, which includes: non-revealing clothing, closed-toed shoes, sleeved shirts.
- h. I fully understand and acknowledge that services are to be performed subject to all the rules and regulations of the League, that violations of said rules and regulations shall be cause for immediate dismissal of all services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact and Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**5. Release of Liability**

I acknowledge that all services are performed at his/her risk and that the League does not provide any type of insurance coverage for volunteers. On behalf of him/her, my heirs, my personal representatives or administrators, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the League, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, causes of action or demands or any nature or cause including costs and attorneys’ fees incurred by the League in connection with the same based on damages or injuries which may be incurred or sustained by him/her in any way connected with his/her services for the League, including but not limited to, animal bites, accidents or injuries.

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Parent or Guardian of Youth Applicant

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Date