

Office Use Only:



Suncoast Animal League  
1030 Pennsylvania Ave.  
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Volunteer@SuncoastAnimalLeague.org

## Youth Volunteer Application

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. A youth volunteer is defined as anyone in high school or younger, regardless of age. Please keep in mind that youth volunteer positions are offered on a **limited basis** as few slots are available and they fill quickly. Basic physical requirements are bending, lifting 25+ lbs, and you must not be allergic to cats or dogs. Completed applications can be emailed or sent to our shelter (info listed above). **PLEASE NOTE:** We do NOT offer volunteer positions for court-mandated community hours.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday  Sunday

Hours available: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your volunteer hours be applied to the Bright Futures Scholarship?  Yes: Total hours needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read and agree to the following "Eligibility & Policies" prior to submitting your application:**

### **Eligibility & Policies:**

- ⇒ Volunteers 15 or younger MUST have a parent or guardian actively volunteer with them (1 adult per youth). The adult must fill out an adult application.
- ⇒ Due to insurance restrictions, youth volunteer tasks are limited to five areas: 1) rescue events, 2) Saturday PetSmart Countryside dog adoption events, 3) the Shoppe, 4) cat care – shelter, 5) cat care – PetSmart cat adoption rooms: Countryside, Oldsmar, Trinity.
- ⇒ All youth volunteers are required to complete an in-person interview with staff prior to receiving an offer to join the youth volunteer team. Think of it as a job interview.
- ⇒ Volunteers are required to provide a minimum 24-hour notice if they are unable to attend to their scheduled shift. After 3 short-notices (less than 24 hours) or 1 no-show/no-notice, the volunteer will be removed from the schedule.
- ⇒ Dress code: Volunteer shirt. Dress comfortably for bending, stretching. No shorts higher than mid-thigh. No flip flops. No midriff shirts. No skirts.

**Please initial that you agree to the "Eligibility & Policies":** [ ] (youth) [ ] (parent/guardian)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please read the following information and initial next to each item.**

**1. Animal Bites and/or Scratches:** I understand that I must immediately report all bites and/or scratches to the designated person in charge.  (youth)  (parent/guardian)

**2. Rabies:** Many animals without proof of rabies vaccination will be received at Suncoast Animal 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.  (youth)  (parent/guardian)

**3. Tetanus:** We recommend you have a tetanus shot prior to volunteering. 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 Suncoast Anima 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 years in order to be effective.

(youth)  (parent/guardian)

**4. Terms and Conditions of Volunteering**

- a. I fully understand and agree to provide my services to Suncoast Animal 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 Suncoast Animal League are not always known. I agree to hold Suncoast Animal 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 Suncoast Animal League in my volunteer capacity. I also agree to follow the policies and procedures of Suncoast Animal League.
- d. I fully understand that Suncoast Animal 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 Suncoast Animal League.
- e. I agree to treat Suncoast Animal League staff, fellow volunteers and the public with honor and respect at all times.
- g. I fully understand and acknowledge that services are to be performed subject to all the rules and regulations of Suncoast Animal League, that violations of said rules and regulations shall be cause for immediate dismissal of all services.

(youth)  (parent/guardian)

**5. Release of Liability**

I acknowledge that all services are performed at my risk and that Suncoast Animal League does not provide any type of insurance coverage for volunteers. On behalf of my heirs, my personal representatives or administrators, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Suncoast Animal 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 Suncoast Animal League in connection with the same based on damages or injuries which I may incur or sustain in any way connected with my services for Suncoast Animal League, including but not limited to, animal bites, accidents or injuries.  (youth)  (parent/guardian)

Youth Volunteer Name & Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name & Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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