



Co-ordinator, Volunteer Services  
Animal Rescue League  
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## Preliminary Volunteer Application

To be completed prior to scheduling attendance at a General Volunteer Orientation Session.  
Due to the volume of applications received, please allow at least 3-4 weeks for processing.

All volunteers must be able to commit to a minimum term of six months.

We currently do not have opportunities for short-term volunteers.

**\*Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.**

All volunteers under the age of 18 must have parental consent to volunteer.

### Personal Contact Information:

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
dd/mm/yyyy

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical conditions that would be affected by exposure to multiple animals? \_\_\_\_\_  
No

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any other animal clubs/organizations/welfare groups to which you belong \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special skills or training

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills   | <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic      | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Training             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Handling     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising   | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Handling             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-lingual | <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography       | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Exotic Animal Experience    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid/Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting    | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Experience (AHT) |

**Please indicate times you would typically be available to volunteer**

Monday from:	_____	to:	_____
Tuesday from:	_____	to:	_____
Wednesday from:	_____	to:	_____
Thursday from:	_____	to:	_____
Friday from:	_____	to:	_____
Saturday from:	_____	to:	_____
Sunday from:	_____	to:	_____

**Please identify the programs that are of interest to you**

**Special Events/Fundraising**

Throughout the year the Saint John Animal Rescue League is involved in special and fundraising events that require volunteer assistance. Because each event is different, volunteer roles will vary. Volunteers need to work well with the public, have good interpersonal skills and require a minimum of supervision. Events include but are not limited to: Tag Days, Golf Tournament/Ball Drop, Pets In The Park, Casinos, Dinners, Dances, Information Booths.

**Administration**

Assisting with general office duties, data entry, filing, and preparing mail for a variety of departments, and supporting special projects. Volunteer shifts are scheduled during Animal Rescue League office hours, Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

**Foster Program**

This program places animals that need a little extra care into foster homes before they are put up for adoption. The demands on the volunteers' time is much greater than other volunteer positions, as foster animals need to be cared for in the volunteers' home and many of the animals require medication, socialization, and/or obedience training. There are screening requirements for a suitable home as well. An orientation and home inspection may be required prior to participating in the program.

**Walk & Groom Program**

The walk and groom program improves the quality of life for the dogs at the Shelter. Volunteers walk a dog for approximately 3km and brush the dog after the walk. **The time commitment is a minimum of one hour per week for a minimum period of six months – no exceptions.** A two-hour orientation class is required prior to participating in the program.

**Dog Bathing & Grooming**

The dogs and puppies in the shelter appreciate volunteers spending time to bathe them in our special tub. It makes them much more appealing to prospective adoptive families and they feel good when they are cleaned and brushed.

**Nursing Home Ambassador**

Book appointments with nursing homes and take cats/kittens/puppies to participating nursing homes for residents to cuddle.

**Animal Behaviourist Assistance**

For people experienced with animal training and previously involved with our Walk & Groom program, these provide additional responsibility after specialized training with our animal behaviourist.

- Adoption Evaluator** – Support Behaviourist when assessing shelter dogs
- Behaviour Hotline Assistant** – Process e-mail and telephone inquiries for Behaviourist
- Pet Trainer Assistant** – Support Behaviourist in pet training classes

**Cat Cuddler Program**

This program involves socializing shelter cats during their stay at the Animal Rescue League. The volunteer plays with, grooms and give our cats the love and affection they need. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to participate in this program. You must select a specific hour/day and remain consistent every week. Training is provided prior to the start date. **The time commitment is a minimum of one hour per week for a minimum period of six months – no exceptions.**

**Critter & Bunny Buddies**

Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Rabbits, and a variety of other smaller pets really enjoy the socializing time that volunteers are able to share with them. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to participate in this program. You must select a specific hour/day and remain consistent every week. Training is provided prior to the start date. **The time Commitment is a minimum of one hour per week for a minimum period of six months – no exceptions.**

**Shelter Host**

Hosts greet guests while providing information and answering a variety of questions, regarding the shelter operations and projects. Assist customers in understanding the adoption procedures as it progresses. Weekend shifts are four hours and week-day afternoon schedules vary. Training will be provided prior to the start date.

**Board/Committee Work**

Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the Animal Rescue league requires professionally skilled individuals who are able to make a larger volunteer commitment in this capacity. Any Board or committee experience is an asset.

**Please indicate which General Volunteer Orientation Sessions you would be available to attend**

You will be notified by e-mail or phone to confirm which session you have been scheduled to attend

General Orientation \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

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