



The Vermilion County Animal Shelter is a non-profit organization. Our mission is the prevention of cruelty of animals and the education of current and potential pet owners about responsible pet ownership. We welcome the participation of those willing to represent our organization in accordance with our mission and philosophies. All potential volunteers must submit a completed application and attend an orientation.

Volunteer Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_
Preferred Nickname \_\_\_\_\_
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
City, State, Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_
Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_
Are you 18 years or older? Yes/No
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Vermilion County Animal Shelter Volunteer Program and why did you choose us?

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What do you hope to gain from a volunteer experience at the animal shelter? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe any present or past volunteer experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate any firsthand experience you have had with animals. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your interests and skills? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel about the fact that we euthanize here at VCDAR? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you anticipate you would like most about volunteering here? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you anticipate to be the most difficult thing about volunteering here? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer to work independent or with others? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Yes/No

If yes, what is your work schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

Employers Name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a student?

Yes/ No

If yes, is volunteer work required?

Yes/No

If yes, how many hours are required? \_\_\_ hours



**Please check the position(s) in which you may be interested:**

- Dog Walker/Socializer-** Walk dogs around grounds and spend time supervising while playing with and socializing dogs in large fenced in area. Or sit quietly with dog in kennel to encourage bonding and calmness.
- Cat Socializer-** Spend time socializing cats and kittens in the shelter. Play with cats, brush them and record information about personalities and preferences on each animal and notify staff of any odd behaviors.
- Adoption Counselor-** Help front desk and kennel staff match cats and dogs to prospective adopters, including assisting with 'meet and greets' between dogs and prospective adopters. This includes 'meet and greets' between current pets and adoptable pets. *Either scheduled or drop-in positions available.*
- Special Events-** Help raise awareness and funds at special events. Put up signs and posters, set-up, take down at events, staff tables, solicit silent auctions items, and other tasks involved in a specific event. The Vermilion County Animal Foundation also needs volunteers at the adoption events that are held at the Village Mall on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.
- Foster Homes** Care for animals in your home. This position involves opening up your home to dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Some animals have special needs and require special care. *(Separate foster care application and waiver are required. Must meet strict guidelines. Significant additional training required. Age 21 or over)*
- Rescue Driver-** Drive animals picked for rescue to the corresponding rescue shelter. Van and gas provided for transportation. Current State of Illinois license required.
- Building/Ground Maintenance-** Assist with general building and grounds maintenance, including maintaining plants beds and cleaning up grounds around the shelter in the spring and fall. Volunteers interested in building maintenance should possess fix-it skills.
- Flyer Distribution-** Help distribute flyers promoting our various events around Vermilion County. On most occasions, you would distribute flyers in the town of your choice.

**We provide ID badges, that will need to be worn when you are volunteering.**

**Person to Notify in Case of Emergency**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement and Signature**

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that is I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The e-mail address for the Volunteer Coordinator: [volunteer@vercounty.org](mailto:volunteer@vercounty.org)

**We also have a Facebook page strictly for Volunteers. It is Vermilion County Animal Shelter Volunteers. You need to request to join this page.**

