



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE PALOUSE
2019 E. WHITE AVE
MOSCOW IDAHO 83843
(208)883-1166

General Volunteer Application

Date _____

Name _____

Age _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____

Tell us why you would like to volunteer with HSoP _____

Is there anything we should know about you? _____

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at HSoP, and choosing to donate your time to our organization and the homeless pets in our shelter. Volunteers are a vital part in our efforts to continue helping those who cannot help themselves.

We have established a set of guidelines and rules for HSoP volunteers to follow. All rules are in place to provide a safe and welcoming environment to all HSoP animals and visitors. All HSoP volunteers are required to follow both written and verbal instructions provided by HSoP Staff. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary actions up to termination of the privilege of volunteering. These instructions are designed to ensure your volunteer shift is enjoyable, safe, and productive.

Our organization sees a variety of breeds and species, and all of them come from various backgrounds. Some animals may have been mistreated, or suffer from fear and anxiety. Please be mindful of our animal's well-being, and offer them space if they are showing signs of distress. Distress in dogs can be shown by growling, barking loudly, or tucking their tail. Distress in cats can be shown by growling, hiding in their kennel, hissing, or spitting. Please respect their boundaries. Understand that if you put your hands/fingers/feet/toes in with an animal that is unknown to you, you may not get those back. HSoP will not be held liable should any actions you take while volunteering result in an injury.

Caregivers or guardians of disabled volunteers are required to submit a volunteer application as well, and must remain at HSoP for the duration of the volunteer shift.



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Volunteer Guidelines

The following guidelines have been compiled with safety as our priority. Please initial after you read and understand each line:

___ Please come dressed with safety in mind. Our animals have claws and teeth, and they may jump on you. We recommend you keep your skin protected. Close-toed shoes are required. Any offensive or obscene language, images, or iconography are not allowed.

___ Please close all doors behind you. This allows confined spaces, should an animal accidentally get away from a visitor.

___ You understand that you are volunteering to help HSoP and the animals in this shelter. You will stay busy with volunteer duties for the duration of your volunteer shift. If you do not know what to do, you will ask an HSoP staff member for tasks.

___ Please direct any questions from the public, about animals or shelter operations, to HSoP staff members.

___ If you have read and understand the above lines, do not initial this line.

___ Please be sure to read all signage on a door or kennel before interacting with an animal. HSoP staff will have notes regarding the animal's history, behavior, and requirements.

___ All volunteers must use hand sanitizer before and between interacting with each animal.

___ Please do not place cats on the lobby floor. Some of our cats may be nervous or skittish, and will run away from you.

___ Please do not take kittens or cats from different kennels to interact with each other.

___ You can use the Adoption Room to play with a cat or litter of kittens when it is not in use. If an adopter is interested in meeting a cat or kitten, HSoP staff may ask for the room.

___ Please do not enter any dog kennel without permission from the staff. Some of our dogs may require special introductions to new people.

___ If someone would like to meet a dog that you are currently interacting with, please direct them to HSoP staff. You are not approved to introduce dogs to new people.

___ Please do not engage in "rough-housing" type play with our dogs. Some of our dogs are stressed in this environment, and may be overstimulated by this, which could result in injury.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I ACCEPT PERSONAL RISK OF INJURY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BITES, SCRATCHES, TORN CLOTHING, AND EXPOSURE TO ZOO NOTIC DISEASES SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO FUNGAL INFECTIONS.

Signature

Date