



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE PALOUSE  
2019 E. WHITE AVE  
MOSCOW IDAHO 83843  
(208)883-1166  
Junior Volunteer Application  
**\*Ages 12-17 years old\***

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

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 verbal and written 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 tails. Distress in cats can be shown by growling, hissing, or hiding. Please respect their boundaries. Understand that if you put your hands/fingers/ feet/etc. in a kennel with an unknown animal, you may not get those back. HSoP will not be held liable should any actions you take while volunteering result in an injury.

Junior volunteers are able to volunteer for a one-hour shift at a time without their parent or guardian. Parent or guardian are required to attend the first volunteer shift with the child to ensure all rules and guidelines are understood. Volunteers under the age of 18 are unable to interact with our dogs, unless a parent or guardian is with them.



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### **Junior 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 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.

**Jr. Volunteer Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Jr. Volunteer Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Jr. Volunteer Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Jr. Volunteer Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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-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 take kittens or cats from their kennels into the Adoption Room if it is not in use. If an adopter is interested in meeting with a cat, HSoP staff will ask for the room.

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-Please do not enter any dog kennel without permission from the staff. We are happy to unlock the kennels for you. Some of our dogs may require special introductions with new people.

-If someone would like to meet the dog you are currently interacting with, please direct them to HSoP staff. You are not approved to introduce dogs to new people. Please be sure to lock the kennel when you are finished.

-Please do not engage in "rough-housing" type play with our dogs. Some of our dogs are stressed from their environment, and may become overstimulated during this type of play. This could result in injury.

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Please understand that everything will be done to prevent accidents from happening, but there is always a chance that your child may be injured while volunteering. The Humane Society of the Palouse is not responsible for any injuries that may occur.

**Jr. Volunteer Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**