



Animal Education and Rescue, NFP

Volunteer Application & Agreement

ANIMAL EDUCATION AND RESCUE (AEAR) is an incorporated group of individuals volunteering their time, money, love and efforts to rescue pets, whether or not purebred, who have been abandoned, surrendered to animal shelters/humane societies, or surrendered to AEAR by their owners. AEAR is always seeking volunteers who love pets. AEAR welcomes and encourages your interest in volunteering.

Volunteering a little bit of your time helps a homeless pet in countless ways. AEAR needs volunteers to provide a variety of assistance, from creating and distributing flyers to local veterinary offices, grooming businesses and kennels, to attending "pet events" with or without a pet, to transporting pets, and, we especially need good foster homes. Aside from that, there are many volunteer activities needed to fulfill AEAR's ultimate goal of finding permanent homes for homeless pets and your creativity in helping meet that purpose will be greatly appreciated!

Please take the time to complete this application and return it to the above address. After reviewing the information you provide, one of AEAR's representatives will contact you regarding your time availability and the volunteer activities in which you have expressed an interest. Please do not be offended by all of the information AEAR seeks. AEAR is attempting to match your desires with AEAR's needs and the needs of numerous homeless pets, all of whom have unique personalities and physical conditions. The more information you can provide, the more likely everyone involved will have a satisfactory volunteer experience and relationship.

Application

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone (day): (_____) _____ - _____ Phone (evening): (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____ Month/Year of Birth: ____ / ____

Do you have daily access to your e-mail? Yes No, how often can you check it? _____

List all members of your household...

1. Name: _____ Month/Year of Birth: ____ / ____ Relationship to You: _____

2. Name: _____ Month/Year of Birth: ____ / ____ Relationship to You: _____

3. Name: _____ Month/Year of Birth: ____ / ____ Relationship to You: _____

4. Name: _____ Month/Year of Birth: ____ / ____ Relationship to You: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Please list 3 personal references (not someone you live with)...

1. Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Relationship: _____
2. Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Relationship: _____
3. Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Relationship: _____

Have you ever been bitten/attacked by a dog? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Are you comfortable approaching dogs that you do not know? Yes No

Do you understand that dogs may be unpredictable and that AEAR cannot guarantee that a dog we are attempting to rescue may become aggressive? Yes No

Are you willing to assume the risks involved with working with animals who are sometimes frightened and who are in unfamiliar surroundings and the possibility that the dog may become aggressive and/or bite you and/or another person or your companion animals? Yes No

Are you willing to accept any risk involved in transporting a dog inside your vehicle?

Do you have a large crate, or does your home have an outside kennel or other facilities for the temporary housing of restricted dogs? Yes, a crate Yes, a kennel Yes, both No

What type of vehicle do you have for transporting dogs? _____

Approximately how many hours per week (total) are you available for volunteer activities? _____ hours/week

What type of services have you performed in the past, or are you performing now for other volunteer organizations? If you are currently volunteering with another animal oriented organization, please let us know which one and what your role is: _____

Please mark all areas below which you feel you would be most helpful in...

- Transport
- Foster
- Surrender
- Marketing
- Adoptions
- Fund Raising
- Education

Dog Club Memberships (if any): _____

Location of Club: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Positions held (other than general member): _____

List all dogs, cats, and other animals you currently own

Name	Breed	Age	Years Owned	Gender	Neutered	Where are they kept?
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	

Previous Pet History

Name	Breed	Age	Years Owned	Gender	Neutered	Reason no longer with you
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	
				M F	Yes No	

Are your other companion animals used to being introduced to strange dogs? Yes No

Mark any of the following animal-related areas or work you have any experience/training in...

- Breeding
- Training
- Grooming
- Vet Assistant
- Kennel Worker
- Pet Store Sales
- Animal Rescue
- Other: _____

If you marked one or more of the above, please explain the nature and extent of your work/training experience:

Have you discussed what impact your volunteer activities could have on your family life (i.e. fostering a dog, evaluations of dogs, time away from family, etc.)? Yes No

Briefly, please describe why you are interested in volunteering for a group dedicated to rescuing pets: _____

How did you hear about AEAR? _____

Agreement

I understand that AEAR will determine the criteria for becoming a volunteer with AEAR and specifically for being selected as a foster home. AEAR will also decide which dogs will be fostered and select the foster home for each such dog from a pre-approved list. If I am approved as a foster home, I may always refuse any request for fostering a pet for any reason. I understand that I will be informed by AEAR of any medical or emotional conditions that the pet may have, based upon information provided to AEAR by the former owner or animal shelter/humane society. I understand that as a volunteer, whether or not a foster home caregiver, I am expected to keep the pet secure, to care for it humanely, to return it to AEAR upon request and not to promise the pet to anyone or imply that I have the authority to approve a potential adoption.

AEAR retains ownership of all rescued pets, whether or not in foster care, and will make all decisions regarding the adoption or euthanasia of pets fostered. All adoptions will be approved by the pet representative, unless the volunteer receives permission to handle the adoption application procedure from AEAR, with final approval from AEAR. I understand that AEAR may need to occasionally euthanize a pet that I have cared for while in my foster home or have otherwise worked with as a volunteer, if the pet becomes sick or exhibits behavior problems making the pet unsuitable for placement as a companion animal.

I, _____, hereby agree to abide by the following terms during the time I am a volunteer for AEAR:

1. I will treat all pets as a responsible and humane caregiver, whether or not I am selected as a foster home.
2. I will not use any pet that comes to me through AEAR for breeding purposes of my own or allow it to be so used by any other person.
3. I will remember in all my dealings with the public that I represent AEAR.
4. I agree that any pet in my care, whether through foster home caretakership or other volunteer activities, remains the possession and property of AEAR until that pet is placed in a permanent home.

I have read and understand all of the statements above. Further, I understand that although AEAR takes reasonable care to screen the pets, it makes no guarantees relating to the pets health, behavior or actions. I understand that any contact I have with a pet, whether as a foster home or other volunteer activities, is done at my own risk. If I am selected as a foster home caretaker, I can reject or return any pet for which AEAR has asked me to provide care. As a volunteer for AEAR, I acknowledge that AEAR is not responsible for any property damage or personal injury suffered by me, members of my household, third parties or my other companion animals by any AEAR pet whom I come into contact with as a volunteer, and I assume all liability for providing adequate controls to prevent such damage or injury.

I accept full responsibility for any and all expenses incurred during my tenure as a volunteer and representative for AEAR, except for those pre-approved by AEAR. If applicable, I further agree to keep records of pets, handled, release and adoption forms, monies collected and expenses incurred for each and every AEAR pet. I further agree that such records are the property of AEAR and that a representative thereof may request to view and/or obtain these records at any time. In the event I resign as a volunteer, whether voluntarily or by request of AEAR, I hereby agree to return any pet in my possession and all AEAR pet records over to AEAR within ten days of resignation of request date.

I have accurately completed this Volunteer Application and Agreement and I have read the above warnings and appreciate the risks involved in working with pets. I understand that AEAR cannot be responsible for the actions, behaviors, and/or medical condition of the pets that it seeks to rescue, and I agree to assume the risks implicit in working with pets which may have been abandoned, beaten or otherwise mistreated or abused, or who may suffer from an illness, condition or disease.

Signature of Prospective Volunteer Date: ____/____/____

Approval Signature of AEAR Representative Date: ____/____/____