



VOLUNTEER GROUPS

All group requests must be submitted 2 weeks in advance

Groups

We welcome you group, but for safety reasons group volunteer opportunities do not involve working with the animals. Groups are welcome to arrange a visit to the shelter as identified below. We can accommodate up to 10 individuals for group visits. We also require a 1:5 (adult to child) ratio for all visits. **Groups visits** can be scheduled Tuesdays – Fridays between 12:00pm and 4:00pm and on Saturdays between 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Types of groups:

School Groups and Youth Organizations

- **Groups who want a one-time visit to the shelter**

Explore P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center during a group tour led by one of our professional staff. Learn more about the history of P.A.W.S. the animals we work with, the services we provide to animals and the community, and more. Group visits follow this format: P.A.W.S. staff will share a presentation about the shelter, hold a questions and answer session, lead a tour of the facility, and if possible, bring in an animal for the children to visit with.

Have a large group (more than 10)? We can come to you!

Email volunteer@pawsadoption.org to schedule a visit or learn how your group can best help the animals.

- **Groups who want to commit to weekly visits to the shelter**

If your group is interested in helping to form a P.A.W.S. work party:

- Your group should consist of at least 5 people.
 - Any children in the group must be at least 12 years old.
 - Please commit to volunteering at least two hours to make it worth the time and effort it takes to coordinate a group activity.
 - Most, if not all *volunteer work is done outside*, rain or shine.
 - Please make arrangements at least two weeks in advance of the date you are requesting to start coming to the shelter.
 - All groups who plan to come regularly must attend a 30-minute orientation on the day of their first visit to the shelter.
- All members of the group are required to have a waiver signed by an adult prior to coming to the shelter



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION – GROUPS

Thank you for your interest in bring your group to P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center. Because of the nature of our organization we *do not allow youth to interact directly with the animals*.

- Visiting youth groups are welcome to come for community service projects to help with routine cleaning, lite yardwork.
- We welcome groups in the facility Tuesdays – Fridays between 12:00pm-4:00pm and on weekends from 8:00am-3:00pm. **Advance notice IS required.**
- We can only accommodate up to 8 youth at a time for service projects and require an adult to youth ration of 1:5.
- We also encourage all group interested in helping the shelter to consider hosting a fundraiser or supply drive. These are wonderful ways to help the shelter.

Please complete the group volunteer application below. Please print your responses clearly. Thank you again for your interest in the P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center.

Group/Organization _____

Group/Organization Contact Name _____

Group/Organization Address _____

Group/Organization Phone _____ **Email** _____

Date(s) you want to visit the shelter _____

Group Leader(s) – must be 18 years of age (please print names)

1. _____

2. _____

Youth Names and ages:

1. _____, age _____

2. _____, age _____

3. _____, age _____

4. _____, age _____

5. _____, age _____

6. _____, age _____

7. _____, age _____

8. _____, age _____

9. _____, age _____

10. _____, age _____



VOLUNTEER RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Printed Name _____

Volunteer wishes to take part in performing activities at P.A.W.S.' (a Maine nonprofit corporation) facility including interacting with its animals. These activities are hereby defined herein as "Activity." I understand that this agreement is required for my participation as a volunteer for P.A.W.S., and that participation is conditioned on my compliance with this Agreement and the Policies and Procedures of P.A.W.S. My signature on this document indicates the following:

I hereby agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless P.A.W.S, its directors, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, from any and all loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to any claims arising from my presence in, upon or about P.A.W.S' facilities or equipment or participation in Activity whether by P.A.W.S' negligence, my negligence, other volunteers' negligence, or otherwise. I understand that my participation as volunteer can result in bodily injuries, including but not limited to contusions, cuts, scrapes, head and/or dental injuries, and broken and/or sprained limbs or death. I hereby assume full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage to myself due to the negligence of P.A.W.S, its directors, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, or otherwise, while I am in, upon or about P.A.W.S' premises or facilities or equipment or participating in the Activity. For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, I hereby fully release and discharge P.A.W.S, its directors, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, from any claims or demands therefore on account of any injury to my person or property or resulting in death, whether caused by negligence or otherwise while I am in, upon or about P.A.W.S' premises, facilities or equipment or participation in Activity.

I acknowledge and agree that this release applies to all claims for injuries, damages or losses to my person and property, real or personal, whether those injuries, damages, or losses are known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, or patent, or latent, that I may have against P.A.W.S, its directors, officers, employees, agents and volunteers in connection with the Activity.

Volunteer Signature

Date

If you are under 18, we must have your parent or legal guardian's signature below.

As a parent or legal guardian of the above-named volunteer, I hereby give consent for my child or ward, as the case may be, to become a volunteer for the P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center as described in the above Volunteer Agreement and, by the signature below, join in and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Release above.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date