

**Town of Swansea Animal Shelter
Towns of Swansea and Somerset Animal Control**

Volunteer Application

**68 Stevens Rd.
Swansea, MA 02777**

**508-679-6446
email: swanseashelter@yahoo.com**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Facebook Name: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Employer Address: _____

Do you have prior volunteer experience? ____yes ____no Where? _____

Why are you interested in becoming a volunteer? _____

Describe previous experience working with animals: _____

Tell us about your current pets: _____

Please indicate the times you would like to volunteer:

Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____

Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Sunday _____ Do you plan to volunteer: daily _____ once a week _____

several times a week _____ several times a month _____ occasionally _____

Volunteer Opportunities
(Please check the activities that most interest you)

- ☐ Animal Care: ☐ Walking Dogs ☐ Socializing Cats ☐ Bathing & Grooming Animals
- ☐ Dog Obedience Classes *(Work under a trainer to make our shelter dogs more adoptable)*
- ☐ Foster Parent: ☐ Dogs ☐ Cats *(Short term care for an animal with special needs or for kittens / puppies until they are old enough to be made available for adoption.)*
- ☐ Transporter: Drop off and pickup animals at veterinary hospitals for spay-neuter surgery.
(Must be available between 7:30 & 8:30 AM and / or 3:00 & 4:00 PM)
- ☐ Shelter Upkeep and Maintenance:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning cages (mornings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor repairs and carpentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up kitty litter (truck or van required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn and shrub care |
- ☐ Clerical and Secretarial Support:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone receptionist (answering / routing calls) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Found pet service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone calls to adopters or for spay / neuter compliance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare bulk mailings |
- ☐ Adoption Counselor
(Must have good computer and customer service skills. Additional training and time commitment required.)
- ☐ Greeter *(Greeting the public, answering questions, giving directions to adoption areas)*
- ☐ Education and Outreach Programs
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching 8 lesson program to 3 rd graders | <i>(Prefer teaching background)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching 5 lesson program to 7 th graders | <i>(Prefer teaching background)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Story hours / Pre-school presentations | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter tours | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing an informational booth at a community event | |
- ☐ Fundraising *(Provide assistance to the shelter staff at special events or with fundraising)*
- ☐ Donation Canister Program *(Drop off and pickup coin canisters at various businesses / stores)*
- ☐ Post flyers of animals and for special events
- ☐ Animal Assisted Activities Program *Taking animals to visit people in hospitals and nursing homes. Shelter animals are often available. If you would like to take your own animal on visits, the animal would have to be evaluated for this program.*
Please check ☐ if you would like your animal evaluated. Type of animal: _____
and the animal's name: _____

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Volunteer Release Form

I, _____, hereby agree to accept a position as a volunteer for the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter, and in so doing, I agree to comply with all of the policies, rules and regulations which may be established from time to time by the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter. I understand that failure to do so may result in my immediate termination as a volunteer.

I acknowledge that my services are provided strictly on a volunteer basis, without any pay or compensation of any kind, and without any liability of any nature on behalf of the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter, all services to be performed by me at my own risk.

I recognize that in handling animals and performing other volunteer tasks, there exists a risk of injury including physical harm caused by the animals. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors. I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, causes of action, or demands, of any nature or cause, including costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter in connection with the same, based on damages or injuries which may be incurred, or sustained by me in any way connected with my services for the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter, including, but not limited to, animal bites, accidents or injuries.

_____ Date	_____ Signature of Volunteer (Parent/Guardian, if minor child)
	_____ Witness

I, _____, understand that public relations are an important part of volunteering at the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and executors, allow the Town of Swansea Animal Shelter to use any photographs, films, videotapes or other visual representations taken of me in volunteer service for use in public relations efforts.

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	_____ Witness