



Blue Cross Of Hyderabad

BLUE CROSS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Date :

Full Name _____

Contact Number _____

Name of School / Organisation _____

Email ID _____



New application: Renewal since :

(All volunteers must renew their volunteer cards/ commitment every year.)

Where did you hear of us?

Website School talk

Social Media Friend

Other (please mention).....

Describe any previous experience working with animals.

Do you have any relevant special skills or interests?

Days and time you would be available. (Minimum 3 hrs per week)

Please indicate which volunteer programme you are joining:

1. **Student Certificate Programme:** For Students who care about animals and give their service to help. They receive a community service certificate on completion of 20 hrs at the animal shelter. Orientation will be given at shelter.

2. **Shelter Volunteer:** For animal friendly individuals who are willing to commit 3 hrs every week. Orientation will be given at shelter.

Dog Walker: groom and walk shelter dogs,

Help out at cat shelter and other areas of animal care

Capable of answering an animal help line

- Computer work in the office
- Work with vets (for BVSc/Medical Students/professionals only)

- 3. Foster Care Giver:** For animal friendly people who have time and space to take orphaned puppies or kittens home for few weeks and provide foster care till they are 6 weeks of age and ready for adoption. Basic guidance will be given.

- 4. Rescue & Prevention of Cruelty Volunteer:** For experienced volunteers who are trained in first aid and to rescue injured animals, to support for the emergency night rescue after closing hours and who can counsel animal abusers. * This needs considerable experience and training.

- 5. Community Care Taker :** This is for animal friendly people who do not have time to visit the shelter due to various reasons and want to do their bit to spread awareness in the community regarding animal friendly attitudes.
 - A community care taker surveys the number of stray dogs, gets them sterilized and vaccinated, organizes community feeding of strays, spreads understanding in the community regarding sterilization and vaccination of stray animals and pets. Counsels pets owners on various issues to reduce cruelty and in general promotes animal friendly attitudes. This needs an orientation session.

- **Download CCT handout**

Criteria to be a Volunteer:

1. You must be a Member.
Associate Life Member ; Associate Annual Member; Young friend of Blue Cross (for students 12-16 yrs of age).
2. You are expected to communicate respectfully to all staff and never to demand special attention or service from the Doctor or staff.
3. You are expected to respect working hours, visiting hours and Shelter regulations.
4. If you are a student above 12 yrs of age, you must provide a letter from your Principal and you parent requesting to be permitted to volunteer.

Volunteering for animal welfare is a privilege. Please use the opportunity with respect, humility and dignity. Please perform your duties in the spirit of Seva.

Guidelines for Volunteers

- Please honor your commitment to Blue Cross.

- All volunteers are required to report to the office first and sign in the register when entering and leaving the campus. This is a must for all volunteers or your time spent will not be acknowledged.

- Please leave your belongings and mobile phones in the lockers after you sign in. Cell phones are not permitted while volunteering. Do not carry valuables with you when you come to volunteer.
- All volunteers are required to take permission from the Shelter Manager before bringing any visitors into the Shelter, even if they are members or other volunteers. **Do not arrive and start walking around with your visitors** without the shelter manager's prior permission, and your signing in the register at the office.
- Dress in comfortable clothes and shoes when working at the shelter. Prepare yourself and have your own kit when you come to volunteer: apron, gloves, pen and paper, cotton wool, dog leash, wash cloth, snack and drinking water for yourself. No one can wait on you for this.
- For your safety: Do not enter the areas out of bounds in the shelter for yours and the animals safety, as movement could spread disease. Injured street animals may bite. Be sure you have de- worming and anti-rabies shots if you want to volunteer to rescue animals.
- Please do not order or demand service from the staff. You may discuss your concerns politely. You may note your observations for improvement and give them in writing the Shelter Manager. If you feel an animal needs immediate attention, you may take permission from the Vet on duty to bring it to the clinic for treatment.
- If you don't know how what to do or how to answer a question always ask at the office and find the correct answer before proceeding. Please do not do things you don't know about and please do not give an answer that is not accurate on behalf of Blue Cross.

I have read and fully understood the above guidelines and agree to abide by them. I commit to give 20 hours of my time over a period of 3 months.

Signature of applicant

Signature of Supervisor

Date: