



Volunteer Application

Friends of BARC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that supports the humane care and treatment of animals in the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC). Our volunteers staff weekend off-site adoption programs at PetSmart locations in the Houston area. We provide nutritious food for the kittens, puppies, cats and dogs in the BARC's adoption program. We also fund spay/neuter surgeries, as well as the purchase of medication, test kits and other veterinary supplies, as needed. To help address the ongoing problem of pet overpopulation, Friends of BARC also educates the community about the importance of spaying and neutering and supports spay and neuter programs.

Friends of BARC values your privacy and will not share your confidential information with any outside organization. **Please return all forms to Dr. Eichers in Room D112 BEFORE your volunteer experience.**

Volunteer Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth (including year): _____

Emergency Contact:

In an emergency, please notify: _____

Phone: _____

Volunteer Schedule

Our regular volunteer opportunities include adoption counseling, animal socialization, and maintenance at our off-site adoption facilities. Volunteer scheduling is done in advance on the NHS board. If you provide an e-mail address, you may receive a reminder via e-mail. The adoption schedule is shown below. You must provide your own transportation.

Mobile adoptions at PetSmart on Saturdays, 11 am – 1:30 pm; 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm:

West Loop at 59: 5415 W Loop South

Westheimer: 8380 Westheimer Road

Mobile adoptions at PetSmart on Sundays, 12 pm – 2:00 pm; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm:

West Loop at 59: 5415 W Loop South

Questions:

Do you have any allergies or physical conditions that might affect your volunteer work? If so, please describe:

Why do you want to volunteer with the Friends of BARC? _____

What is experience do you have working with animals?

Do you have any pets at home?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Signatures:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent of Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student volunteers, regardless of age, must have parental approval.

Volunteer Agreement and Liability Release Waiver

1. I will engage in humane treatment with animals at the shelter and consider their well-being when I perform all volunteer activities.
2. I will not engage in any unsafe, illegal, or unethical activities while volunteering.
3. I recognize that while performing my services in a voluntary capacity, in handling animals there exists a risk of injury, including physical harm to me. On behalf of myself, my heirs and personal representatives, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care, Friends of the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care, its Board of Directors, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, causes of action or demands of any nature or cause connected with my volunteer service. This might include costs, attorney's fees, and court costs incurred by the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care in connection with my volunteer services based on damages or injuries which may be incurred or sustained by me in some way in during volunteer work. Such damages or injuries might include, but are not limited to animal bites, accidents, injuries, or personal property damage.
4. I also agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care and the Friends of the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care harmless for any and all damages to my personal property while performing my services to the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care in a voluntary capacity.
5. If I am signing this release form as a parent or legal guardian of a minor volunteer (under 18 years of age), I hereby give my consent to allow my child (ward) to volunteer services for the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care and Friends of the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care. I understand that such a minor child (ward) is not covered by the agency's worker's compensation or liability policy and I agree to hold the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care harmless for any claim, loss or damage incurred by such child.
6. Occasionally photographs are taken at adoption events to promote the adoption of the animals at the shelter. I permit myself (or my child if I am a parent or legal guardian of a minor volunteer) to be photographed at Friends of the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care events unless explicitly noted on this form.
7. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the foregoing liability release waiver.

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