



**SANTA YNEZ VALLEY
HUMANE SOCIETY**

DAWG Dog Adoption
& Welfare Group

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Volunteer Application

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO BE A PART OF OUR FUR FAMILY

Our Mission: The mission of the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society in partnership with Dog Adoption & Welfare Group ("SYVHS/DAWG") is to serve our community by providing and promoting humane, compassionate, and conscientious care of companion animals. The vision of SYVHS/DAWG is to be the companion animal rescue source of the Santa Barbara and surrounding counties by providing people with information and resources that they need to raise happy, healthy, safe, and socialized companion animals. We are a 501(c)(3) private non profit organization that is governed by a board of directors and composed of volunteers from the community who are dedicated to animal welfare. We are staffed with individuals who are devoted to giving the absolute best possible care and homes to our many shelter animals from all around California.

Why volunteer?

Volunteering is a great way to show your support for your community and give back by investing your time and effort into helping those in need. Contributing to a cause you're passionate about provides a sense of service and fulfillment. The information provided to us by completing this form will enable us to direct you towards an appropriate rewarding experience. Please complete all questions on the form.

<i>Your Name (First, Last)</i>		<i>Date</i>
<i>Address</i>		<i>City, State, Zip Code</i>
<i>Home Phone Number</i>	<i>Cell Phone Number</i>	
<i>E-Mail Address</i>		
<i>Name of Parent or Guardian if under 18</i>		
<i>Emergency Contact Name</i>		<i>Relationship</i>
<i>Primary Phone</i>		<i>Secondary Phone</i>

QUESTIONNAIRE

- How did you hear about us? Instagram Facebook Website Friend Other: _____
- Are you 18 years of age or older? YES NO 16 years of age or older? YES NO
 - Do you understand that volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian EVERY time they volunteer and volunteers 16-18 years old must have parent or guardian sign off to volunteer alone (up to the discretion of the Volunteer Coordinator depending on job duties) YES NO

3. Do you have any allergies or physical conditions that might affect your volunteer work? (ie. Heart conditions, injuries)
a. Are you able to lift 40lbs or more? YES NO If yes, Explain: _____

4. Which volunteer opportunities are you interested in? Check all that apply

Dogs: Enrichment Socialization Cleaning Training Bathing/Grooming

Dog Walking: 0-25lbs? 20-45lbs? 45+ lbs?

Cats: Socialization Cleaning Enrichment Housekeeping

Miscellaneous: Adoption/Fundraising Events Cleaning Laundry Yard Work/Building Maintenance

Do you have any special skills, training, interests, or hobbies that you would like to share? _____

_____.

5. What days are you able to volunteer? Check all that apply

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hours: Weekdays: _____ Weekends: _____

6. What type of experience do you have working with animals?

None, I'm new at this

Personally own Pets: Cats Dogs

Work in Veterinary Hospital/boarding/training facility: Name of facility: _____

Previous Volunteer Experience: Name of facility: _____

Other: _____

7. Are there any breeds of dogs that you do not feel comfortable working with so we can best match you with the appropriate dogs? Yes No If yes, Explain: _____

8. Do you understand that you must complete a mandatory volunteer orientation with our Volunteer Coordinator/Staff Member prior to Volunteering? Yes No

9. Although SYVHS/DAWG does not place a time limit on adoptable animals, occasionally we may euthanize animals that have untreatable medical conditions or severe behavioral issues. Would this be too upsetting for you to volunteer?

Yes No Unsure

I agree the above information to be true and accurate.

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

DATE

Volunteer Agreement

I, _____, agree to the following terms and conditions to be legally bonding to them:

- I will abide by the mission, rules, regulations, policies, protocols, and programs of SYVHS/DAWG while I am volunteering
- I will not engage in any safe illegal, or unethical activities while acting as a SYVHS/DAWG volunteer
- I will not share unavailable animals on social media or with friends or family members who are not volunteers

I have read and understand that failing to uphold the above conditions sufficient grounds for SYVHS/DAWG to request and implement my removal as a volunteer.

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18

DATE

Confidentiality Agreement

Information concerning the management and operation of our organization is generally not known to the public and should be kept confidential. The following guidelines have been developed for this purpose:

- Confidential information should only be shared with those inside the organization whose jobs require them to have access to the information or when the law requires or protects the release of such information
- Volunteers should not disclose sensitive or non-public information to people outside of our organization or discuss it in public areas.
- Documents containing sensitive information-including information stored on computer systems- should be handled carefully and must be properly stored.

I have read and understand the above and agree to comply with SYVHS/DAWG's Confidentially Agreement.

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE

Liability Release Waiver

- I recognize that while performing my services in a volunteer capacity in handling animals, there may be a risk of injury. On behalf of myself, my heirs and my personal representatives I herby release and hold harmless SYVHS/DAWG, its Board of Directors, agents and employees from any and all claims, financial responsibility, causes of action or demands of any nature or cause to my volunteer services
- I also agree to release and hold SYVHS/DAWG harmless for all damages to my personal property while volunteering.
- If I am signing this release form as a parent or legal guardian of a minor volunteer (under 18 years of age), I herby give my consent to allow my child to volunteer services for SYVHS/DAWG. I agree to hold SYVHS/DAWG harmless for any claim, loss, or injury incurred by such child.

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the foregoing liability release waiver.

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE