



Volunteer Application

Today's Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Home Phone #: (_____) _____
Cell Phone #: (_____) _____
Email: _____
Emergency Contact: Name: _____
Phone #: (_____) _____
Occupation: _____
Employer: _____
Phone #: (_____) _____

Are you at least 18 years or older? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you ever done any volunteer work? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, please tell us where, when, and duties performed:

What are your reasons for volunteering with Spotty Dog Rescue?

What are you hoping to gain from this experience?

Volunteering comes in many forms:

- ◆ Dog rescue, care & placement
- ◆ Transportation to & from veterinary appointments
- ◆ Foster care
- ◆ Administrative, phone and emails, clerical
- ◆ Fundraising & grant writing
- ◆ Special events
- ◆ Adoption events
- ◆ Website administration

If you possess any special skills that may be of assistance to Spotty Dog Rescue, please describe:

Do you have any physical limitations that we need to be aware of?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please describe: ___

Please list 2 (two) personal or business references/

- 1) Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____ Ph#: _____
- 2) Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____ Ph#: _____

Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc. (SDR) reserves the right to deny or accept any application. SDR does not accept court ordered community service. All volunteers must be 18 years old in order to work hands-on with any animals. We encourage you to ask questions you may have about our organization. Upon signing this form you acknowledge that all animals are unpredictable and there is always risk involved in handling animals. Upon signing of this form, you agree to hold harmless Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc., its officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, or volunteers from any claims for injuries or property damage in anyway related to any interaction with animals in our care.

Applicant Name (printed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

Thank you for offering your time to volunteer with Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc. The work we do for the dogs would not be possible without the help of our volunteers. Please read through the agreement below, complete the form at the bottom and return it to a board member.

1. **Volunteer Acknowledgement and Participation.** I acknowledge that I have voluntarily agreed to serve as a volunteer for Spotty Dog Rescue, Inc. ("SDR"), a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, whose mission is:
To provide safe harbor, medical care and love for adoptable dogs that have been abused, abandoned and neglected until they are placed into loving, responsible permanent homes; to decrease the need for senseless destroying of dogs by educating the public about the benefits of spaying and neutering; to build a community where people value animals and treat them with respect and kindness; to promote respect for life, responsible pet ownership and to encourage the higher ideals of compassion toward animals and people through education and example.
2. **Nature and Scope of Services.** As a Volunteer I will be contributing my time and effort to various services for SDR. The services will be performed by me as assigned by an officer, director or another volunteer of SDR. In the course of performing the services, I agree:
 - a. To read the Volunteer handbook (if applicable) and complete all required training, orientation and paperwork relating to my volunteer position.
 - b. To disclose any physical or psychological limitations to appropriate directors or officers before participating in any activity. Since I may be interacting with dogs and may be lifting, carrying, moving or otherwise engaging in physical labor, I will be respectful of my own limitations and will inform SDR immediately of such limitations.
 - c. To read and obey all safety rules and regulations. In the interest of the safety of the dogs, the public, and other volunteers I acknowledge that SDR has the right to revoke volunteer privileges of these rules and regulations not followed.
 - d. TO TREAT ALL SDR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, DOGS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH WHOM I INTERACT WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM VOLUNTEERING FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE DOGS AND NOT FOR ANY PERSONAL GAIN OR TO FURTHER ANY PERSONAL AGENDA.
3. **No Compensation.** I agree to provide my services without compensation. I agree that I am not and will not become an employee, agent, contractor or principal of SDR upon execution of this agreement.
4. **Responsibility for My Own Acts and Omissions.** I hereby agree to be legally and financially responsible and will indemnify and hold SDR harmless for my own acts and omissions relating to the service I am

voluntarily providing to SDR. I acknowledge that I am responsible for providing my own medical, liability, and auto insurance during my volunteer service. I understand that I am not covered by workers' compensation nor insured by SDR during the performance of my volunteer duties and tasks.

5. **Assumption of Risk.** I am voluntarily participating in the activities of SDR with full knowledge of the risks and dangers involved and hereby agree to accept all risks of injury, death or damage to myself and/or my personal property. As a Volunteer, I may come into contact with and interact with dogs, and such work entails risk of personal injury due. These risks include, but are not limited to, being bitten, tripped and possibly exposed to zoonotic diseases.
6. **Photo, Video and Audio Release.** I understand that as a Volunteer of SDR, I may be recorded on film, video or other electronic recording media. I hereby consent to such recording and the use by SDR of any recorded images or other media recordings of my name and likeness ("A-V Recordings") for any purpose related to furtherance of the objectives of SDR. In particular, I grant SDR permission to copyright and use, reuse, publish and republish A-V Recordings, for art, advertising, or other purpose.
7. **Release.** As consideration for being permitted by SDR to participate in activities and provide services, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representative will not make a claim against or sue SDR for injury or damage resulting from my participation in activities and performance of services.
8. **Confidentiality.** During my association with SDR and thereafter, I will keep confidential, refrain from disclosing to others, and use only in the performance of my volunteer duties, all confidential information of SDR that I develop or learn about during the course of my association. I understand that this agreement covers all confidential business and technical information and know-how of SDR which is not generally known to persons outside of SDR and which I have not been specifically authorized to disclose or use. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to, information on finances, donors, outreach programs, and information received from others that SDR has agreed to keep confidential.
9. I have read this Release and fully understand that I will relinquish all claims and actions know now or in the future against SDR. I am of legal age and competent to sign this agreement. I am signing this agreement of my own free will without the influence of anyone at SDR.
10. I acknowledge that this agreement will apply for the entire term of my volunteer relationship starting with the date I first perform volunteer duties for SDR, even if it pre-dates the date of this agreement, and continuing as long as I continue to be a Volunteer and thereafter as is necessary to protect the interest and rights of SDR.

Signature of Volunteer _____