



BRAZORIA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY VOLUNTEER/FOSTER HOME APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in volunteering/fostering with Brazoria County Humane Society (BCHS). The minimum age to volunteer in the junior volunteer program is fourteen (14) years of age. Once your application has been reviewed someone with BCHS will contact you.

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Name:		Email Address:	
Address:		City:	State:
Home Phone: () -		Work Phone: () -	Cell Phone: () -
Emergency Contact:		Relationship:	
Work Phone: () -		Cell Phone: () -	
Texas Drivers License Number:			
What is the best way to contact you? <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Work Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email Address			
TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH ANIMALS			
Do you have experience in the following areas? <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> Fostering <input type="checkbox"/> Vet Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Micro-chipping <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior Training <input type="checkbox"/> Kennel			
Have you volunteered for another rescue? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		If yes, what rescue(s)?	
Have you owned a pet? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Please tell us about your experience with dogs, cats and/or other species:			
Are you comfortable approaching a dog you do not know: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Do you understand that dogs are unpredictable, and that BCHS cannot guarantee that a dog you are working with may not become aggressive: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
HOW CAN YOU HELP?			
<i>Please check the box next to any assignment of interest below:</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am available to transport dogs from shelters to vets and/or to boarding facilities.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in working with a particular dog to help it become more adoptable.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help with fundraising activities.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help with showing dogs to approved applicants on weekends.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to complete home visits. <i>List areas of town:</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help maintain the BCHS web sites.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to foster a dog (please complete the Foster Home section below).			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to foster a dog through heartworm treatment (please complete the Foster Home section below).			
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to spend time playing, bathing, and walking dogs that are in boarding.			
Please list other skills you may have that would assist BCHS:			
As a volunteer you will be kept informed of activities in our organization.. You will need to be a member of this group to access applications, participate in home visits, check vet/personal references, fundraisers, etc. Please indicate whether or not you are interested in being part of this group: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

You have expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer/foster to help lost, abused, and abandoned dogs, cats and other animals on behalf of Brazoria County Humane Society (BCHS). As part of your volunteer/fostering efforts you will come in direct and close contact with many animals whose propensities and personalities are unknown. These animals can be unpredictable and sometimes even dangerous. Many abandoned and abused animals may become suddenly aggressive. Animal bites are not uncommon and are a constant and real risk at any time that you are near any BCHS animal. Such bites can be serious and often require medical attention. They may even result in permanent and disfiguring injuries.

By agreeing to serve as a BCHS volunteer/foster and by signing below you have agreed to assume all of the risks posed by being around unpredictable and sometimes aggressive animals, including injuries and animal bites. If you are injured in any way while acting as a volunteer/foster or even just while in the presence of animals which are in BCHS's custody, then you agree to release and hold harmless BCHS and all associates from any and all claims of any nature for personal injury or property damage and from any and all liability whatsoever including but not limited to liability for any medical expenses, pain and suffering, and from any permanent injury and/or disfigurement, which result either directly or indirectly from such animals, from animal bites or from any other animal-related incidents.

In addition, if you volunteer to transport any animal in BCHS custody including but not limited to transportation in your personal vehicle, then you agree to assume all risks associated with such transportation. You also agree to release and hold harmless BCHS and all associates from any and all claims or causes of action related in any way to such transportation including claims for injuries and property damage arising from automobile accidents. You further agree to properly restrain all animals that are traveling by either placing them in an appropriate carrier or by restricting their movement in the vehicle to ensure that they will not interfere with the operator of the vehicle. Finally, you agree to maintain a vehicle insurance policy which provides at least the minimum personal automobile liability coverage as required by the State of Texas at all times while transporting any BCHS animals in custody.

Signature: _____ **Date:** / / **Witness:** _____