



### VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Thank you for considering volunteering with Little Paws of Love Rescue. We are a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 corporation that has a foster care program for stray, abandoned, neglected and surrendered dogs and puppies. Volunteers with a variety of skills are needed to ensure the success of these programs. Your helps is GREATLY appreciated. Please take the time to fill out this application and read and sign the agreement. This information will help us find the volunteer work that you would enjoy most and to keep you posted on new projects and events. After we review your information, a rescue representative will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities

Adult  Jr. Volunteer (under 18)                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BEST WAY TO CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about LPL? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of volunteering are you interested in doing?

- Transport  Fostering  Web management  Assisting at events
- Clerical  Grant writing  Fundraising
- Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any experience of training in any of the following related areas?

- Dog training  Grooming  Fundraising  Grant Writing
- Animal rescue  Kennel Assistant  Whelping  Vet Assistance
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide specifics for any areas you checked: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any specific time available to volunteer or are you flexible? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever volunteered at another rescue and/or do you hold any animal organization memberships? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you do for a living or what specific talents do you possess that you think would be a benefit to the rescue? \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for volunteering:  Personal choice  School hours  Community service

Do you presently own a dog or cat?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe (if more than three, please list the rest on the reverse):

Name Breed/mix Sex Age

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If you do not own a dog or cat at this time, have you owned dog or cats in the past?  Yes  No

## **VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

In consideration of this opportunity to volunteer, I agree to the following terms and conditions, intending to be legally bound by them:

**1.** I will abide by the mission, rules, regulations, policies and programs of Little Paws of Love, Inc., Herein after referred to as "LPL", while I am a volunteer. I also agree to observe and follow all signs and instructions posted inside the shelter building of LPL. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** If I stop being a volunteer for LPL for any reason, or upon the request of LPL or its representatives at any time, I will promptly return all of LPL's supplies, equipment, records, money and other items in good clean condition. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** I understand that the activity of working with animals is hazardous and involves contact with animals that may be unpredictable. As such, LPL cannot be held liable for injuries or accidents that may occur as a result of working with the animals. I assume the risks of being bitten, scratched, injured or frightened by cats, kittens, dogs and puppies, and any infections or complications that may occur as a result, in connection with my volunteer work for LPL. LPL is not liable to me for any injuries, damages, liabilities, losses, judgments, costs or expenses whatsoever, which I might suffer or sustain in connection with the performance of my volunteer activities for LPL, unless they are the result of LPL's gross negligence or intentional misconduct. I will indemnify, defend and hold LPL harmless from and against any claims, lawsuits, injuries, damages, losses, costs or expenses whatsoever, sustained by any companion animal or any person in connection with my intentional misconduct or grossly negligent performance of volunteer activities for LPL, or my breach of LPL's rules, regulations, policies and programs. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** I agree that if I see any dangerous situation at the shelter I will notify the LPL's President in writing immediately. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**5.** I understand and agree that LPL may refuse volunteer applications for any reason. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**6.** If I will be sheltering or providing foster care or boarding any of LPL's animals, I agree to fill out and sign the separate Foster Application and Agreement. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**7.** I have accurately and truthfully completed this Volunteer Application and Agreement. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**8.** Any modification to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. This Agreement is binding upon LPL, me and LPL's and my respective heirs, successors, assigns, executors and personal representatives. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

In consideration of LPL offering this volunteer opportunity, I/We agree to the following, intending to be legally bound:

1. My/our child(ren), or child(ren) under my/our guardianship, has enough experience with \_\_\_\_dogs and/or \_\_\_\_cats and is mature enough to volunteer with LPL and to participate in activities with \_\_\_\_ dogs/puppies of all sizes and/or \_\_\_\_cats and kittens. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Whenever my/our child(ren), or a child(ren) under my/our legal guardianship, participate(s) in LPL activities, I/We hereby release and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless LPL, its directors, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, and its and their heirs, successor, assigns and personal representatives, from and against liability for any injuries, damages, liabilities, losses, judgments, costs or expenses whatsoever (the "Losses"), which such child(ren) or any pet or other person might suffer or sustain, except any Losses which are the result of LPL's gross negligence or intentional misconduct. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I acknowledge that there are risks that the child(ren) could be bitten, scratched, injured or frightened by the dogs/puppies and/or cats/kittens and I/we assume such risks. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I understand and agree that LPL may refuse volunteer applications for any reason. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

5. I have accurately and truthfully completed this Permission and Release Form. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

6. This Permission and Release Form is binding upon me, my spouse, partner and my and his or her respective heirs, successors, assigns, executors and personal representatives. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**IF UNDER 18: PARENT/GUARDIAN SPOUSE/PARTNER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Insurer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Policy Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Insurer's telephone number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Physician's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Physician's telephone number)

Authorized LPL Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_