



Volunteer Application

Volunteers must be 18 years of age

Please complete, sign and return to CAAWS Adoption Center on Saturdays from 11-3 or mail to:

P.O. Box 77765
Baton Rouge, LA 70879

(225) 752-5801
www.caaws.org

The Capital Area Animal Welfare Society is a nonprofit, all-volunteer humane organization serving the Baton Rouge community since 1979. Without volunteers, CAAWS animals would not have a second chance at life. It is very important that you volunteer in the areas of most interest to you. Please take your time to carefully review the brief descriptions of our programs. Check the ones that you feel will give you the best opportunity to contribute to CAAWS and will make your life fuller and richer. Volunteers will receive instructions and training before participating in all of our programs.

The Volunteer Coordinator will contact you for orientation and assignment as soon as possible. Please be patient with this process, as the volunteer coordinator is also a volunteer who works full-time. CAAWS receives numerous applications and contacting every applicant can take weeks.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-mail Address: _____

(E-mail is usually the easiest way to contact people; your information will not be given out to other organizations)

Most of the positions at CAAWS require a weekly commitment. If you do not have time for a weekly commitment, we can put you on a contact list to help with special events, such as the CAAWS Mystic Krewe of Mutts Mardi Gras Dog Parade or other fund-raisers.

I am interested in volunteering: on a weekly basis special events only

If you **are** interested in a weekly commitment, please specify when you are available and include whether you are available for **a.m.** or **p.m.** activities. (Many activities require specific hours. See next page for details.)

Mon _____ Wed _____ Fri _____ Sun _____
Tue _____ Thu _____ Sat _____

How did you hear about CAAWS? _____

Are you volunteering to fulfill a community service requirement? _____

(This requires supervision and may limit the amount of opportunities you can participate in.)

If yes, how many hours are required? _____

Have you volunteered before? _____ If so when? _____ What did you do? _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL PROGRAMS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

- Adoption Day**—Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities during Pet Adoption Days on Saturdays (usually 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or any portion thereof). We ask that you commit to one adoption day a month. These activities include *transporting animals, caring for the animals, greeting visitors to the Adoption Center, helping the adoption councilors, becoming a councilor (after advanced training.)* This opportunity is acceptable for Community Service.
- Dog Adoptions Cat Adoptions
- Foster Care**—Open your home and heart and give needed attention to foster animals. Food, supplies and medical expenses are paid by CAAWS. You supply love, attention and a safe temporary home. You will bring your foster animal to a specified number of Pet Adoption Days per month to give it the opportunity to find its permanent home. You will be under the supervision of and will receive support from the Dog or Cat Foster Chairperson. (Please mark which type of animal you are interested in fostering.)
- Dogs and Puppies Cats and Kittens
- Public Relations Assistant**—CAAWS needs volunteers to go to local public events and let the community know what we do! As hard as we work, the volunteers know if more people knew the enormity of the homeless animals, the more they would help us. We need reliable, independent, and enthusiastic volunteers to go get the CAAWS word out. Events are sporadic throughout the year, and you would help the Public Relations Coordinator in planning and attending the events.
- CAAWS Mystic Krewe of Mutts Dog Parade**—We need 100+ volunteers to help out with our annual dog parade. We need people to help set up Bark in the Park, marshal the parade, and break down Bark in the Park and various other duties. The parade is held on the second Sunday before Fat Tuesday.
- Spay+Neuter/Feral Cat**—Work with neighborhood associations to get the community to be part of the solution. Help count feral numbers, trap, transport, and release.
- Humane Education**—Our Humane Education Volunteers go to elementary school classes with CAAWS dogs to teach responsible pet ownership, spay and neuter, and child safety. Our presentations usually last from 45 minutes to an hour. If we go to a school that wants us to talk to several classes, then it might take up to 3 hours. During the summer months, we give presentations at several libraries. We always need people to assist with the props, handle the CAAWS dog, or do a presentation. All teaching materials will be provided for you, and no training is necessary. This opportunity requires you be available in the mornings on Mondays and Fridays.
- Pet Therapy**—Visit local nursing homes or other care facilities twice monthly (usually on Saturdays) with your personal pet. Your pet should be gentle, friendly, clean, and current on vaccinations. You will be under the supervision of the Pet Therapy Chairperson. This opportunity is acceptable for Community Service.
- Animal Care**—Feed, play with, exercise, care for, and clean up after the animals at the shelter. We have morning and evening shifts every day at the shelter. This is a weekly commitment. You will be required to attend the same shift each week; this is a long-term commitment. Shifts vary so be sure to mark your availability on the previous page to make it easier to place you. (Please mark whether you are interested in a Dog or Cat room shift.)
- Dog Room Shift**—the morning shift begins around 7 a.m. The evening shift starts between 5 and 6 p.m. Shifts are a minimum of 3 hours. The majority of dogs at our shelter are large breed dogs.
- Cat Room Shift**—the morning shift begins between 7 and 10 a.m. The evening shift starts between 4 and 8 p.m. The shift is a minimum of 1 hour.

As a CAAWS volunteer, I agree to acquaint myself with CAAWS policies and to abide by them at all times. I am aware of any risks associated with this volunteer activity, and I agree that CAAWS will not be responsible for any injury or damage to my person or property while I am engaged in volunteer duties for CAAWS. I understand that CAAWS may terminate my volunteer services at any time for any reason.

Signature: _____ Date: _____