



Volunteer Application and Agreement and Release

To sign up to foster pets in your home, please fill out our [foster application](#).

Austin Pets Alive! ("APA!") is a private, nonprofit animal welfare organization whose mission is to promote and provide the resources, education and programs needed to eliminate the killing of companion animals in Austin. Please complete the entire application. For problems with this form, please email volunteer@austinpetsalive.org. Thank You!

First Name*	_____
Last Name*	_____
Preferred Email*	_____
Alternate Email	_____
Preferred Phone*	_____
Street Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____
Zipcode	_____
Birthdate*	_____
Employer	_____
TwitterID	_____

Emergency Contact Name* _____

Emergency Contact Phone* _____

Emergency Contact Relationship _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Why are you interested in volunteering with APA!?!? _____

Does APA! have permission to use photographs of you on our website, blog, or other marketing materials? _____

APA! asks that our volunteers commit to a minimum of 8 hours per month of volunteer work. How many hours per month do you estimate being able to volunteer?*

- 8-10 hours per month
- 11-20 hours per month
- 21-30 hours per month
- 30+ hours per month

Do you volunteer with other animal welfare organizations?

- Austin Animal Center
- Emancipet
- Austin Humane Society
- Other

What prior experience do you have with animals? Check all that apply.*

- None
- Experience with my own pets
- Worked in a veterinarian's office
- Veterinary technician
- Worked/volunteered in a shelter
- Animal behaviorist/trainer
- Worked/volunteered at a zoo
- Volunteered with a rescue group
- Other

Please describe any other skills, training, or experience you have that could benefit Austin Pets Alive! (e.g. computer programming, office skills, fundraising experience, etc.):

Spanish Proficiency

- None
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Fluent

Your Website or Blog where you can link to APA! _____

Excluding traffic violations, have you ever been convicted of any criminal offenses? If yes, please explain. NOTE: APA! may decline to accept volunteers who have been convicted of any felonies, crimes against the person, crimes against the family, or crimes related to animals.*

Do you need to document community service hours for court-ordered restitution, pre-trial diversion, or any other legal reason? This does not include school, work, or club requirements. If yes, provide the following information:

- Charges giving rise to your need for community service restitution
- Class of charges (misdemeanor A, B, C; felony 1, 2, 3; etc.)
- Hours needed
- Date by which hours must be completed

Volunteer Agreement

In consideration of this opportunity to volunteer for Austin Pets Alive! ("APA!"), I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I will abide by the mission, rules, regulations, policies and programs of APA! while I am a volunteer.
2. I agree to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per month for APA!.
3. I agree to be supervised by an APA! Manager or designee and will work as a team member with all volunteers.
4. I will treat all animals, other volunteers, and the general public with dignity and respect.
5. If I will be sheltering or providing foster care or boarding for any of the APA! animals in my home, I consent to an APA! representative visiting my home from time to time to observe the animals and their living quarters.
6. I have accurately and truthfully completed this Volunteer Application and Agreement.
7. I understand that APA volunteers must be at least 13 years of age. Volunteers age 13-15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times, 16 and 17 year olds may obtain a signed parent waiver in order to volunteer by themselves. The parent or guardian must also complete this online application and attend volunteer orientation in all cases.

Signature _____

If age 13-17, enter the name of the parent or guardian who will be volunteering with you. NOTE: Your parent or guardian must also fill out a volunteer application and attend orientation.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Volunteer Release and Waiver

I understand and agree that as a volunteer for Austin Pets Alive! (herein after referred to as "APA!"), I assume all risks of loss or injury, including death to myself or damage to my property while on the property of APA! and elsewhere, while participating in the volunteer program.

I understand and agree that all services performed by me will be performed on a strictly voluntary basis, and that I will receive no remuneration, pay or compensation of any kind.

I understand and agree that I will not be an employee of APA! and will not receive any benefits normally available to employees of APA!. I understand and agree that APA! shall incur no liability of any nature as result of my volunteering for APA!.

I understand that in handling animals and performing other volunteer tasks there is a risk of injury, including physical harm or death, and that all services performed by me will be done at my own risk. I understand APA! strongly recommends that I keep current my tetanus immunization. I further understand that APA! recommends that any dogs and cats that I live with should be immunized by my veterinarian, if not already done so.

Therefore, on behalf of myself, my heirs and personal representatives, I hereby release, discharge and indemnify and hold harmless APA! and its assigns, successors, agents, staff, officers, board of directors, employees, contractors and representatives from any and all claims, causes of action or demands of any nature of cause whatsoever, including costs and legal fees arising out of, or relating to, my volunteering with APA!, including, but not limited to, animal bites, disease, accidents, property damage, or injuries.

Signature _____