



Volunteer Opportunities & Application

Texarkana Animal League, Inc.

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Texarkana Animal League, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting animals and their people families through various community outreach programs in Bowie & Cass Counties in Texas and Miller & Little River Counties in Arkansas. TAL is always seeking volunteers who love animals and want to help save lives. Our current programs include:

- Dog & Cat Foster Care
- Dog & Cat Adoption Events
- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Assistance (SNAP)
- Community Education
- Rescue Group & Wildlife Rehab Assistance (RAP)
- Texarkana ACAC (Animal Shelter) Vaccination & Medication Program
- Tails of Two Cities Day Planner Pet Calendar
- Community Assistance & Food Pantries

Texarkana Animal League, Inc. exists to provide protection and care for abandoned, abused, neglected, and unwanted animals. We also promote animal welfare through programs & services that mutually benefit animals and people.

Thank you for your interest in Texarkana Animal League. Please complete this application and return it to us by mail, email, or fax using the contact information above.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Best time to call _____ Best phone to call: Home Work Cell Email _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Why are you interested in volunteering with TAL? _____

Do you have any special talents/skills that could benefit TAL's mission? _____

Do you have any experience with or training in:

- Dog/Cat training Dog/Cat grooming Dog/Cat breeding Veterinary Assistant Medical Assistant/Nurse

Please explain _____

Animal Rescue/Transport Group. Which one? _____

Other. Please explain. _____

Are you willing to transport crated/uncrated animals in your personal vehicle & accept any risk involved in the transportation?

- Cat Dog Local (up to 25 miles) Yes No Regional (25-200 miles) Yes No Longer Distance (over 200 miles) Yes No

Here are just a few of the ways you can help. Please check all the areas that interest you for volunteering with TAL.

- Adoption Event Volunteer:** Help at adoption events (such as PetsMart adoption days) by transporting dogs to & from foster homes (if needed); be responsible for dogs during event & answer questions from potential adopters.
- Adoption Center Volunteer:** Cat Dog Help animals become socialized by playing with them & introducing them to potential adopters; feed & water animals; clean enclosures, litter boxes, & adoption center inside PetsMart's Cat Room and/or TAL Adoption & Foster Center.
- Day Planner Volunteer:** Get involved with TAL's annual Day Planner (this is our 10th year) – from start to finish. This desk calendar book highlights photos of numerous local pets and is a best-seller every year. Help sell pages (sponsors, pages, tabs, etc.) in the Day Planner; help layout, proofread, & distribute books.
- Event Volunteer:** Help with an event (set-up, tear-down, & everything in-between); various skills will be necessary, depending on the type of event: adoption events, fundraising events, community education events, etc.

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- Foster Home:** Cat Dog Foster an animal in your home while it is waiting for a "forever" home or recovering from spaying/neutering, heartworm treatment, etc.
- Fundraising Volunteer:** Help obtain sponsors and various supporters for TAL's fundraising events; distribute & sell tickets; obtain silent auction items & help conduct auction; help conduct fundraising events.
- Grant Writer:** Help research, develop, and write grant proposals & applications to foundations & other grant-making organizations to persuasively communicate TAL's mission & programs to potential funders.
- Graphic Artist:** Design overall Day Planner book; layout individual pages; assist with marketing & advertising.
- Office/Clerical Volunteer:** Help input various data into several programs/databases/websites Good typing skills are a plus as well as working knowledge of Word & Excel; send out Thank You notes.
- Photographer:** Photograph adoptable animals for publicity, TAL events/activities, & pet photos to be included in the Day Planner calendar.
- Rescue Assistance Program (RAP):** Help local Rescue "partners" to promote their rescues & fundraising efforts; work at fundraising events.
- Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP):** Review individual SNAP applications by email weekly & promote SNAP at various events.
- Speaker/Presenter:** Visit local schools, civic groups, and community events to provide information about various animal welfare topics & TAL.
- Website Volunteer:** Update website & Facebook posts; coordinate phone & email messages by forwarding to appropriate volunteers.
- Donation:** We'd love for you to donate your time and volunteer with us. But even if you can't give us your time right now, we can always use your donation for our various programs. Please feel free to include a monetary donation. We appreciate your help.
- Hold your own fundraiser or maybe you have other ideas or suggestions for volunteering with TAL. Please let us know:**



I, *(insert your name)* _____, hereby agree to abide by the following terms during the time I am a volunteer for Texarkana Animal League, Inc. (TAL):

1. I will treat all TAL or other agencies' animals in a responsible and humane manner.
2. I will remember in all my dealings with the public that I represent TAL.
3. I agree that any animal in my care remains the possession and property of TAL or the partnering agency until that animal is placed in a permanent home.
4. I understand that I must be at least 16 years of age to volunteer with TAL and must have a parent or guardian volunteer with me until I am 18 years of age.
5. I acknowledge that I will be performing volunteer services for TAL, an Arkansas nonprofit organization.

I further understand that certain risks may be associated with such volunteer activities. In consideration of being permitted to perform such volunteer services for TAL, I voluntarily and knowingly sign this waiver with the express understanding of waiving all rights or causes of action involving, without limitation, bodily or property damage to myself while I am engaged, directly or indirectly, in such volunteer services, whether or not caused by the negligence of TAL or its officers, directors or agents.

Further, I shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless TAL and its officers, directors, or agents, from and against any and all liability, damage, loss, cost, and expense incurred as a result of any claim, demand, or cause of action brought against TAL, its officers, agents, jointly or individually, for bodily injury or property damage suffered as a result of my negligent, reckless, or willful action in the performance of the volunteer services or as a result of the failure to perform the volunteer services. I also hereby release to TAL, the rights to my image or likeness for the purpose of creating material to be used in a TAL promotion or promotional materials. I have accepted no fee or compensation for my participation. I hereby release any and all claims against the above mentioned producer arising in connection with the usage of my image or likeness. I acknowledge that this agreement is final under these terms.

I accept full responsibility for any and all expenses incurred during my tenure as a volunteer and representative for TAL, except for those pre-approved by a TAL Board Member. In the event I resign as a volunteer, I hereby agree to return all TAL records and/or TAL property to TAL within ten days of resignation. AGREED TO BY VOLUNTEER:

Signature of Volunteer _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
(If volunteer is under 18.)

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