



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew

Idaho Humane Society Volunteer Program

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Idaho Humane Society is to advocate for the welfare and responsible care of animals, protect them from neglect and cruelty, and promote humane awareness and compassion. We believe that because domestic animals are a product of human intervention, we have a special obligation to them in regard to humane treatment and responsible stewardship.

WHY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteer time and talents are an asset to the Idaho Humane Society. There are many ways you can make a difference for the welfare of animals. You may wish to work directly with the animals at our shelter or you may get involved with other important aspects of our shelter's operations.

VOLUNTEERS HELP IN THESE AREAS:

- Administration
- Adoption Assistants
- Animal Socializing
- Foster Care
- Offsite Adoptions
- Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Education
- Customer Service
- Special Events

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

Sign up to become an Idaho Humane Society Volunteer. It's easy! The minimum requirements to become an IHS Volunteer are that you must:

- Be twelve years of age or older. (Ages 12-16 must train & volunteer with an adult volunteer)
- Make a six-month commitment (of at least 30 volunteer hours)
- Complete a Volunteer Application
- Submit the Orientation Fee of \$10.00
- Attend a Volunteer Orientation Class
- Care about the welfare of animals

Each year our budget must be met through the generosity of our supporters. To make sure that every possible penny goes into the care and feeding of the animals in our shelter, we have instituted an Orientation Fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of your volunteer materials and IHS Volunteer T-Shirt, and help alleviate some strain on our budget.

Please submit your Orientation Fee with your Volunteer Application. (Attach a check to your application if you mail it. You may pay with cash or a credit or debit card if you turn your application in at the Shelter.)

When we receive your completed application and fee, we will send you a schedule of our next available Volunteer Orientation Classes. The 2½ hour orientation class will help make you feel comfortable in your new role as an IHS Volunteer and provide you with an overview of our cause, policies, volunteer opportunities, and hands-on animal handling instruction.

If you have any questions about our Volunteer Program, please contact one of our Volunteer Coordinators at 208-331-8553.



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Welcome to the Idaho Humane Society Volunteer Program.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION.

All new volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Application, submit \$10 Orientation Fee and attend a Volunteer Orientation. The minimum age to volunteer is 12 years old. Children ages 12 to 16 have animal handling limitations and are required to volunteer with a parent (both parent and child are required to complete an application, attend the volunteer training and volunteer together). Children ages 16 years and older can volunteer without a parent). **Please print neatly.**

(Students & Groups doing community service or school projects . Please email the Volunteer Coordinator at: volunteer@idahohumanesociety.org for more information.)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Parent's Name (if under 18 years) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (cell) _____ Phone (home) _____ Email _____

Name of workplace _____ Position _____ Phone (work) _____

Previous volunteer experience _____

Why do you want to volunteer at the Idaho Humane Society? _____

Do you have any disabilities that need to be accommodated? If so, please explain _____

Do you own pets? Dogs _____ Cats _____ Horses _____ Other _____ Spayed/Neutered? _____

Describe your experience working with animals _____

Please indicate the areas that interest you:

Dogs	
Cats	
Rescue Ranch (previous experience with horses required; minimum age 16 yrs).	
Tasks that do not involve animals	
Veterinary Clinic (4-6pm.; minimum age 16 yrs)	
Office/Administrative/Training	
Special Events (Lawn Party, See Spot Walk, etc.)	

Waiver and Release of Liability, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement

This waiver and release of liability, indemnification and hold harmless agreement is between the Volunteer and the Idaho Humane Society, Inc., 4775 Dorman, Boise, Ada County, Idaho and its directors, officers, members, employees, agents, assigns, legal representatives and successors (hereinafter referred to as IHS).

As a volunteer that is 18 years old or older, I hereby understand and agree to the following: I agree to WAIVE and RELEASE the IHS from all liability, manner of actions, causes of action, debts, contracts, claims and demands for or by reason of any illness, death, damage, loss or injury to person and property, which has been or may be sustained as a direct or indirect consequence of the Volunteer's volunteering at or for the IHS and notwithstanding that such damage, death, illness, loss or injury may have been caused partly by the negligence of the IHS. I agree to INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the IHS for any costs or liabilities which they may incur as a result of my volunteering at or for the IHS.

I acknowledge and agree that I have carefully read this Agreement, that I fully understand the same, and that I freely and voluntarily execute the same. I understand that I may seek independent advice prior to signing this Agreement. I understand that this Agreement is binding on me, my spouse, my executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns and that this Agreement has important legal consequences. The terms of this Agreement are contractual and not mere recitals. This Agreement will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Idaho.

Signature of Volunteer _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent (if under 18 years) _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Complete BOTH PAGES of this application and return it to:
 Mail: **Volunteer Program, Idaho Humane Society, 4775 W. Dorman St., Boise, ID 83706**
 Email: volunteer@idahohumanesociety.org
 Telephone: **208-331-8553** Fax: **208-342-3515**

Indicate skills you have:

Administration/Organizational Support

- Bookkeeping
- Bulk Mailing
- Clerical
- Computer Network Administration
- Computer/Database Programming
- Computer/Internet Services
- Data Entry/Word Processing
- Donations Distribution
- Donations Management
- Donations Pickup
- Donations Sorting/Packing
- Filing
- Finance/Accounting
- Fundraising
- Fundraising Events
- Grant Development
- Interviewing
- Pledge Drives
- Program Management
- Receptionist/Telephone Answering
- Research/Evaluation
- Sales/Cashier
- Stockroom
- Thrift Shop Support
- Volunteer Recruitment/Coordination
- Web Site Development

Animal Services

- Animal Advocacy
- Animal Exercise
- Animal Foster Care/Rescue
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Shelter Attendee
- Animal Transportation
- Farm Maintenance
- Pet Assisted Therapy
- Veterinarian (Licensed)
- Veterinary Medicine
- Veterinary Technician

Arts/Culture

- Artist
- Backstage Production
- Historic Preservation
- Performer/Musician
- Sewing/Needlecraft
- Storytelling
- Tour/Exhibit Guide
- Usher/Ticket Taker

Civic Participation/Political

- Government Boards/Commissions
- Government Intern
- Lobbying
- Newcomer Assistance
- Opinion Poll Survey

Communications/Marketing

- Amateur Radio Operator
- Conference Exhibit Assistant
- Desktop Publishing
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Public Relations
- Public Speaking
- Video Production
- Writing/Editing

Construction/Home Maintenance

- Automobile Repair
- Carpentry
- Custodial
- Decorating
- Electrician
- Equipment Operator
- Facility Design/Construction
- Flooring/Tiling
- Gardening
- Handy Worker
- Masonry
- Painting/Wallpaper
- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Window Washing

Counseling/Information Support

- Bereavement
- Call Center
- Information & Referral
- Pastoral/Spiritual Counseling
- Support Group Facilitation
- Therapy

Criminal Justice/Legal Services

- Advocacy/Ombudsman
- Crime Prevention
- Insurance Claims Assistance
- Law Enforcement
- Legal Services
- Pro Bono Legal Aid

Disaster/Emergency Services

- Damage Assessment
- Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic
- Evacuation Center/Shelter Assistance
- Fire Services
- Fire/Rescue
- First Aid/CPR
- Safety/Disaster Education
- Search & Rescue

Education

- Career Development
- Classroom Aide
- Computer Literacy
- English Language Instruction
- Field Trip Aide
- Job Coach/Career Development

Education (Continued)

- Library Assistant
- Teaching/Instruction
- Tutoring

Environment

- Debris Removal
- Nature Trail
- Tree Planting
- Environmental Protection/Advocacy
- Recycling

Family Services Related

- Chaperoning
- Companionship
- Errand Runner/Shopping
- Friendly Telephoning
- Home Visit
- Mentoring Services

Food Preparation/Delivery

- Food Collection
- Food Sorting/Packing
- Meal Delivery
- Meal Preparation/Serving

Healthcare

- Dental Care
- Equestrian Therapy
- Hospital/Institutional Visit
- Medical Care
- Nursing Care
- Rehabilitation

Interpretation/Translation

- Braille Transcription
- Language Interpretation/Translation
- Sign Language

Recreational Activities

- Camp Counselor
- Coaching
- Crafts
- Exercise/Fitness Leader
- Playground Aide
- Recreational Activities
- Troop/Youth Club Leader

Special Event Support

- Bartending
- Bingo Caller
- Concessions
- Event Coordination
- Holiday Related
- Parade Marshal
- Parking Lot
- Party Host/Hostess
- Setup/Cleanup

Transportation

- Driver
- Moving Assistance
- Van/Bus/Trailer Driver

First Name _____ Last Name _____

