

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Kern County Animal Services would not be successful without the dedicated help by our volunteers. Please fill out ALL areas of the application so it will be processed. Missing information may cause a delay in your volunteering. **Applications are always accepted, but orientations are held as needed.**



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH (MUST BE 18 YRS OLD)
ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
PRIMARY PHONE	SPEAK ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES?	EMAIL ADDRESS
ANIMAL PREFERENCE DOGS CATS NO PREFERENCE	ARE YOU 18 YRS OLD OR OLDER? YES NO	DRIVERS LICENSE/STATE ID NUMBER (MANDATORY)

Please indicate the days and times you are usually available to volunteer. This is a general guideline. We understand schedules can be dynamic and ever changing.

PLEASE CIRCLE DESIRED SCHEDULE AVAILABILITY

MONDAY	8AM – 11AM	10AM – NOON	NOON – 2PM	3PM – 5PM
TUESDAY	8AM – 11AM	10AM – NOON	NOON – 2PM	3PM – 5PM
WEDNESDAY	11AM – 2PM	1PM – 3PM	3PM – 5PM	5PM – 7PM
THURSDAY	8AM – 11AM	10AM – NOON	NOON – 2PM	3PM – 5PM
FRIDAY	8AM – 11AM	10AM – NOON	NOON – 2PM	3PM – 5PM
SATURDAY	8AM – 11AM	10AM – NOON	NOON – 2PM	3PM – 5PM

Orientations are scheduled as needed. Please circle the day that works best for your schedule:

Wednesday – 530pm

Saturday – 10am

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE/MOTIVATION

How you heard of us to volunteer? (circle one)

FACEBOOK WEBSITE VOLUNTEER CENTER VOLUNTEER MATCH WALK-IN OTHER

List & Describe any previous volunteer experience:

List any skills, hobbies or interests that you may find useful to the shelter:

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY	P# _____
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REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE (READ CAREFULLY)

- 1. Have you been bitten/attacked by a dog or cat? Yes No
- 2. Did the bite require medical attention? Yes No
- 3. Are you comfortable approaching a dog or cat you do not know? Yes No
- 4. In all efforts to minimize unpredictable behavior situations in shelter animals, there is always a chance of a bite or other injury that may occur. We will address each incident with immediate care as needed. Do you understand this policy? Yes No
- 5. Do you have prior experience working with rescued animals? Yes No
- 6. Some tasks performed by volunteers include lifting, bending, or carrying cages or other heavy supplies as well as handling or moving animals. Some volunteer positions require the ability to return animals to their appropriate cages/kennels and to read kennel cards. Volunteers must be alert at all times while working around unpredictable and dangerous animals. Is there anything that would prevent you from performing any of the aforementioned tasks? Yes No
- 7. You will be given training opportunities based on completion of your probationary status. The training that you will be afforded is based on your desired position, understand and learning the policy and procedures, and availability for a trainer to be able to train you. Some training may be online. Probationary completion does not guarantee you training immediately. Do you understand and accept this? Yes No
- 8. **I give full consent, without limitations to KCAS to conduct a criminal background check.** Yes No

EUTHANASIA: Unfortunately, with the large amount of abandoned animals it is sometimes necessary for animal services staff (**but NEVER a volunteer**) to euthanize an animal that is sick, injured or deemed unadoptable. Will you be able to still volunteer understanding that euthanasia is performed at this shelter? Yes No

Person to notify in case of an emergency:

NAME	PHONE
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Our Policy & Signature(s)

- It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.
- Kern County Animal Services’ volunteers must pass a thorough background check using the Kern County Criminal Case Database, Megan’s Law website as well as the Department’s Chameleon Database system prior to volunteering. I understand that, by signing below, I am authorizing Kern County Animal Services to perform this background check.
- Any applicant who has been convicted or had adjudication withheld in any misdemeanor within the past 12 months or any felony offense, or if any criminal charges are pending of a crime that would disqualify him/her from volunteering at KCAS and shall not be accepted as a volunteer.
- I understand that if my application is accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in revocation of my volunteer status.
- By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and accurate.

Volunteer Signature:	Date:
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