

Fond du Lac Humane Society

Volunteer Opportunities/Application

Dear Potential Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer at the Fond du Lac Humane Society. Volunteers assist in all areas of the shelter, including animal care, customer service, maintenance, special events and fund-raisers. We appreciate your interest in wanting to help us care for the stray or abandoned animals in our community. Here is some information to help you get started volunteering.

- 1. Fill out a Volunteer Application. (Volunteers must be 16 years old to volunteer at the shelter without a parent or guardian)*
- 2. A staff member will be in contact with you to discuss our volunteer opportunities, and schedule your volunteer orientation.*
- 3. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of two hours per month over a six- month period.*
- 4. Volunteers will be asked to schedule the times they are willing and able to come in.*
- 5. Volunteers must attend a one- hour volunteer orientation session, which is scheduled 2-3 times per month. This orientation is designed for those volunteers who will be working at the shelter with the animal; covering topics such as shelter policies and procedures, animal health, and safety issues. Volunteers interested in helping with special events and fundraisers will not have to attend this orientation, but will speak directly with the shelter manager, or event coordinator.*

Volunteer Application

Name: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Persons under the age of 16 must have written consent of parent, and be accompanied by the parent while volunteering for the FDL Humane Society).

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

E Mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Education Background: _____

Current Occupation: _____ Employer Name: _____

Why do you want to volunteer? (please check one)

personal enrichment required community service school credit

Please summarize you experience with animals? _____

Do you have any limitations? Allergies, bending, limited walking, etc? No Yes _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in the past 7 years? No Yes
(conviction may no necessarily disqualify you from volunteering. We may conduct a
background check, and if you do not provide truthful information, you could be rejected or
terminated.) Explain _____

Please note the type of volunteer activity that interests you:

Customer Service Office Volunteer Gardening Project/Yard Work
 Dog Walker General Shelter Cleaning Animal Care Foster Care
 Bow Wow Basics Fund Raising/Special Events

Volunteer Opportunities:

Customer Service

Be the friendly face our clients see when they come into the building! Volunteers are needed to help direct clients to the appropriate place, answer questions and hand out information. This is a great way to meet new people! Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, friendly, outgoing and professional.

Foster Home Volunteers

Volunteer as a Foster Parent for puppies, kittens, dogs or cats in your home! The animals may be too young for adoption, may be recovering from an illness or minor injury, or may need behavioral training. Whatever the case, Foster Parents provide necessary care to animals in need, allowing more animals to go into permanent adoptive homes.

Bow Wow Basics

Bow Wow Basics is a simple, reward-based training technique that will help every dog to leave the shelter better physically, emotionally, and behaviorally than when they arrived. Volunteers are needed to help with our dog training classes. Training will be provided.

Dog Walking

Exercise! Regular exercise is important for both humans and animals. Our Dog Walkers provide each dog the opportunity to get out and stretch their legs for a short walk, some much needed play time, and a bit of training. Volunteers must be able to read profiles, physically transfer dogs in and out of kennels, and walk short distances. Experience in animal handling is helpful.

Animal Care & Grooming

Volunteers use the socialization rooms to allow the shelter animals, one by one, a bit of time for play, grooming and treats. Volunteers also fill out a brief evaluation about each pet to assist Adoption Counselors in making the perfect match. Participants must have the physical ability to transfer animals from kennels and use proper animal handling and disease prevention techniques. Training and assistance are provided during the first play session with an experienced volunteer or staff member.

Office Volunteer

Use your time and talents to assist with our many office projects! Volunteer opportunities include filing, word processing, mailings, record keeping, and photocopying. Volunteers may also assemble adoption materials that are given to clients who adopt! This position offers a flexible schedule.

Special Events/Fundraising

We put on a number of community events each year. It takes many people to build a successful event. If you can help prepare and plan, there is probably an event that you could become involved in.

Volunteer Waiver

As a Fond du Lac Humane Society volunteer, I understand that I will be caring for a(n) animal(s) on a temporary basis. I understand that in caring for said animal(s) I may undertake any number of tasks, including but not limited to: grooming, transporting, feeding, and holding the animal(s). I understand that in assuming this volunteer position, I may be exposing myself to potentially significant health risks, including, but not limited to: injuries from bites and scratches. Infectious diseases (e.g. rabies), parasites (e.g. fleas, worms, ticks, mites, ringworm) and allergic reactions (e.g. skin and asthma). Further, I understand that any of these potential health risks could cause serious medical conditions.

Since many animals that come to the Fond du Lac Humane Society are from unknown backgrounds and are therefore ultimately unpredictable, I am thus aware that the Fond du Lac Humane Society is not in a position to know and makes no representations with the temperament, health or condition of any animal. In particular, I understand that I can not rely on any statements from other volunteers, concerning the health and temperament, and that I must rely on my own judgement. I understand and agree that by working with animals, as a volunteer exclusively at my own risk.

Therefore, I agree to hold harmless, the Fond du Lac Humane Society, its employees, volunteers, agents, or directors, wither collectively or individually, for any injury or liability the animal(s) may cause to me. I further assume any and all liability for damages or to other persons which may be caused by any animal(s) while in my care as a volunteer, and hold the Fond du Lac Humane Society harmless therefrom.

Please Print Name/Date

Signature

Parent's signature (if under 16 years of age)

Witnessed by