

RCAS is an open admission municipal shelter that accepts and cares
for all animals in need and promotes responsible pet
ownership for a more humane community in Rowan County.

Animal Services Volunteer Application

Rowan County Animal Services
1465 Julian Road
Salisbury, NC 28146
Phone: (704) 216-7768

**** Only fully completed applications will be considered.

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Apt #: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Driver License # _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Note: You must be 18 yrs+ to volunteer.**

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Employer's Phone: _____ Highest Level of Education Completed: _____

Emergency Contact Full Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Why are you interested in volunteering at RCAS?

Please explain any experience you have handling animals.

Please list any special skills that you think may be useful to volunteering here.

How did you first hear about RCAS? _____

Have you have volunteered or worked for an open admissions shelter in the past? If yes, what task did you preform? If yes, why did you leave? _____

Are you presently volunteering, or have you previously volunteered, for any community or charitable organization, including rescue organizations? If so, which organizations, and what were your tasks?

Can we contact this organization for a reference? ____ Yes ____ No

Contact Individual's Name _____ Contact Phone # _____

Contact email: _____

RCAS is an "open admission" shelter, meaning we must take in any animal coming through our doors. The volunteer program was formed to assist shelter staff in placing as many animals as possible in new homes, and providing care for them while they are housed at the shelter. Together we will work toward saving all healthy and treatable animals. The RCAS volunteer program involves the usual animal handling risks including exposure to pet dander, hair and waste. Volunteers must be able to physically control any animal with which they are interacting, including rabbits, cats, dogs, and birds. Animal behavior is unpredictable and the information that RCAS has in regards to any animal in the Animal Shelter may have been received via third parties and may or may not be accurate. Volunteers must be able to make sound decisions when handling animals and are required to report problems promptly to the Staff. The decision of the volunteers and volunteer duties is solely at the discretion of RCAS.

Please check ALL areas you are interested in volunteering in:

Animal Care Volunteer:

- Cat Enrichment (Plays, socializes, grooms, etc)
- Dog Enrichment (Walks, plays, socializes, grooms, etc)
- Small mammal care/enrichment (cleaning cages, socialization, etc.)
- Bird care (cleaning cages, socialization, etc.)
- Reading program (reading aloud to the adoptable cats)

Customer Service Volunteer:

- Greeter (Greet guests in lobby, directs them to proper place, & answers all customer questions)
- Adoption Assistant (Educate new pet owners and potential pet owners)

Other:

- Conducting student tour groups of shelter.
- Transport animals to off site adoption events.
- Assist in off site adoption events.
- Other _____

RCAS requires an applicant donate at least 4 hour shifts twice a month for at least 6 months

Availability:

What days are you available? M__T__W__TH__F__SA__

What hours are you available?

Reference Name: _____ Number: _____

Relation: _____

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All volunteer applications are reviewed by the Staff. Selected applicants are contacted with orientation dates. Selection of volunteers is based on the interests and skills of the volunteer, ability to demonstrate a commitment to the volunteer program, and current needs of the organization. All applicants shall complete a background check and drug screening

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____