



NHA Group Volunteer Application

***Groups must return this form at least four weeks prior to service. Submission of a group volunteer application does not guarantee placement.*

NHA Group Volunteer Policies:

- Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.
- For volunteers ages 16 and 17 there must be a 1:4 adult to youth ratio. Adults are expected to serve as team leaders and keep the group on task.
- Each group must designate one (1) team leader per ten (10) volunteers. The leader(s) must attend one (1) scheduled orientation session and (1) dog walking training or specialized session prior to the group serving. The team leader(s) must be present while the group is volunteering.
- Each group will also receive an overview and tour upon arrival on scheduled date.
- All members of the group must sign a waiver prior to volunteer service.
- Please note that team leaders (as are all NHA individual volunteers) are asked to pay an application fee of \$15 to help offset administrative costs of our volunteer program. This fee, paid at Orientation, covers printed materials, nametags, and aprons.
- NHA only offers group volunteering opportunities on Mondays - Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except for special events.
- To volunteer inside the shelter, there are a maximum number of 10 participants at a time. For groups with more than 10 members, there may be opportunities to work special events or outside of the shelter.
- The Nashville Humane Association reserves the right to reject a volunteer for any reason in which NHA determines might affect the best interest of the organization.
- All volunteers must wear closed-toe, athletic shoes, long pants, and weather appropriate clothing. All participants must adhere to the dress code.
- All volunteers must avoid wearing any strong deodorants or perfumes, as these can trigger illness in the animals.
- All valuables such as purses and wallets must be left locked securely in your vehicle. NHA does not have secure storage for personal belongings.
- Please keep in mind that many of the tasks performed by volunteers require lifting, bending, and other physical exertions. Activities may include cleaning kennels, walking dogs on a steep hill, or lifting heavy items.
- Please note NHA does not sign off on school volunteer hours less than 20 per individual, as our goal is to retain long-term volunteers.



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Basic Information

Group/Organization: _____

Has your group previously volunteered with us? _____ If so, when? _____

Primary Contact: _____ Team Leader(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Group Participants: _____ Approx. Number of Hours _____

Ages of Participants: _____ 16 & 17 _____ 18 and older

Are there any physical, age, or other limitations that we should consider when assigning a project to your group? _____

Please indicate the best *days* (M-Th.) and *times* (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for your group to volunteer (please offer multiple options, if possible):

Objective(s) of Service

Please check the most applicable objective(s):

Service Learning Team Building Personal Commitment

Please check area(s) that interest your group:

Dog Walking Cat Socialization Clerical
 Grooming Clean-up Special Events/Fundraising

Please submit completed application to: volunteer@nashvillehumane.org
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Nashville, TN 37209
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