

Pets America Partnership, Inc.
2008 Volunteer Application Form

By completing this form, you are applying to become a volunteer with Pets America. You acknowledge that you understand the commitment for training and hours of volunteer service. Completing this form does not guarantee you will be able to volunteer during a disaster. However, it ensures that your experience and preferred positions will be considered when making staffing assignments. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to work in a pet evacuation shelter. Upon approval, teenagers may serve in NON-SHELTER positions when accompanied by a parent or guardian.



PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____ Home Office
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Note: Your name will be automatically added to our e-newsletter list. Pets America promises not to sell or share your information with any other organization or business. You may opt out at any time.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____
Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

PLEASE CONSIDER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

You should consult the detailed job descriptions and indicate areas of personal interest below.

Disaster Response Team (s)

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Volunteer Resource Center Trainer
- Volunteer Resource Center Staff
- Evacuation Assistance Team
- Pet Emergency Shelter Team
- Shelter Set-up/Take-down Teams

Pets America Daily Operations Team

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Development Assistant
- Special Projects Assistant
- Special Events Assistant

Undecided

EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

Current Employer: _____

Position: _____ How Long? _____

Please list relevant experience (both as a professional and volunteer) and education. You may also attach a separate sheet or a resume: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? YES NO

(This will not automatically disqualify you from the volunteer program, but a false statement will). If yes, please attach an explanation to this application including the nature of the offense, date of conviction and whether you have completed any sentence. **A background check is required for volunteer service; please provide your driver's license and social security numbers below. Your personal information will be kept secured at all times.**

Driver's License Number/State: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Do you have health insurance? Yes No

Carrier: _____ Policy No.: _____

I have current immunizations for tetanus, Hepatitis A and B, and/or pre-exposure rabies. By applying to become a Pets America volunteer, you acknowledge that you are exposing yourself to a greater risk of contracting such disease(s) during the course of your participation in animal evacuation shelter activities and that you agree knowingly and voluntarily to release Pets America as provided in the Volunteer Agreement with respect to the contraction of any such disease(s). If desired, Pets America will provide you with information for a local provider of such immunizations, but you, the volunteer, agree to assume financial responsibility for any such immunizations.

Are you on long-term medication? Yes No

If so, please list: _____

Do you have any special medical conditions? Yes No

If yes, please give details: _____

Do you have any medical allergies? Yes No

If yes, please list: _____

Are you allergic to any animals? Yes No

If yes, please list: _____

Are you afraid of any animals? Yes No

If yes, please list: _____

Pets America Volunteer Commitment Statement

Pets America's Mission:

Pets America saves the lives of pets and the people who love them by providing educational programs about emergency preparedness and resources for disaster response.



Pets America is Built On:

Collaboration. Pets America works collaboratively with individuals, governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, and veterinary professionals to achieve its goal of including animals in disaster plans.

Respect. Pets America honors cultural diversity and serves all populations without discrimination as to race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.

Community Stewardship. Pets America's volunteers believe in the power of community and teamwork. The organization seeks to strengthen the entire community through educational programs that ensure disaster preparedness for the whole family, and disaster response programs that serve communities in need before, during, and after a disaster.

As a Pets America Volunteer, I agree to:

- Represent Pets America in a professional manner.
- Follow the rules and procedures established by Pets America.
- Respect Pets America's right to terminate me as a volunteer.
- Return Pets America's property belonging to the organization or its partner agencies upon request.
- Respect the chain of command and adhere to the Incident Command System.

I promise:

- I will NOT abuse or neglect any animal.
- I will NOT represent Pets America in the media without express permission.
- I will NOT cause bodily harm to any other volunteers or staff.
- I will NOT bring weapons of any type into a pet evacuation shelter.
- I will NOT use alcohol, illegal drugs while on assignment with Pets America.
- I will NOT smoke in any emergency boarding shelter.

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I, _____, have read and acknowledge the aforementioned conditions and principles, and agree to abide by them while serving as a volunteer with Pets America. I agree to accept a position as a volunteer worker for Pets America, and in so doing, I agree to comply with all the rules and regulations established by Pets America. I understand that failure to do so may result in my immediate termination as a volunteer.

I acknowledge that my services are provided strictly on a volunteer basis, without pay or compensation of any kind, and without liability of any nature on behalf of Pets America, with all services to be performed at my own risk.

I understand that it is my right to refuse to enter or remain in an area that I feel is unsafe during volunteer training or while on assignment, or to work with an animal that I feel is aggressive or beyond my handling skills. I will inform my supervisor immediately if any such concerns arise.

I acknowledge that a background check is required for volunteer service and authorize Pets America to run background checks as required.

I give Pets America permission to use videos and photographs taken during disasters and other activities that include images of me for use in broadcast, videos, educational publications, newsletters, the Internet, and advertisements, and I understand that I will not receive compensation in any form.

I recognize that in handling animals and performing other volunteer tasks, there exists a risk of injury including physical harm or death caused by the animals. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and executors, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Pets America from any and all claims or causes of action that may arise out of performance of my assigned duties. I waive any right of action I have against Pets America, its subsidiaries, and any of its directors, officers, employees, agents or partner agencies from any present and future claims, including negligence, for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death, arising from my role as a Pets America volunteer.

Confidentiality Statement:

I realize that in my capacity as a volunteer with Pets America, I may come in contact with confidential information. I do hereby agree to protect this information to the best of my abilities as a volunteer and to not divulge it during or after my service as a volunteer.

Volunteer Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if under 18 years of age):

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____