

ANIMAL HANDLING RULES

1. Volunteers should demonstrate responsible & kind treatment to all animals.
2. All staff & volunteers are required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer between visits with each animal.
3. All volunteers are responsible for understanding dog & cat body language.
4. Volunteers should be very careful when moving animals around the shelter. Only one animal can be handled at a time.
5. Animals should not be moved into or through an area where there is another loose animal, even if the other animal is on a leash.



"Great River Rescue transitions dogs & cats into loving homes, serves as a community resource, and advocates for kind, responsible pet care"



GRR Volunteer Program



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TRAINING

Training for volunteers is either done in-person every 2nd Wednesday of the month, or done online. There is a volunteer application fee of \$15 per person and you can find our volunteer application below.

<https://www.greatriverrescue.com/donate/volunteer/>

GENERAL RULES:

1. Ensure animals are happy, healthy, trained, & well-socialized.
2. Volunteers must be 16 years old to volunteer alone, or 13 years old with a parent or guardian, who has also completed volunteer training.
3. Potential volunteers must submit a volunteer application online, sign a release and waiver of liability form, and pay the \$15 non-refundable application fee.
4. Volunteers must attend one of our volunteer training sessions to begin volunteering at the shelter.
5. All volunteers agree to allow GRR to conduct a sex offender registry check on them in the interest of the safety of all volunteers and staff.
6. Volunteers agree to keep information gathered in regards to GRR business confidential.
1. All volunteers must check-in at the front desk before beginning their session.
2. All volunteers must log their hours on our GiveGab volunteering platform.
3. Volunteers will receive a special "GRR Volunteer" keychain.
4. Volunteers must report ALL injuries to staff, no matter how minor they may seem.
5. Volunteers must report any animal's medical or behaviors concerns to GRR staff.
6. Volunteers who are sick or who have sick pets at home should not come in until everyone is recovered.
7. Volunteers must adhere to the privileges allowed them, based on their level.
8. Volunteers must not use any cleaning chemicals without staff authorization.
9. Volunteers should direct any customer questions to staff who can answer them.
10. Volunteers must not answer any phone or customer questions without staff authorization.
11. All media inquiries should be referred to the Executive Director.
12. Volunteers should only use social media for positive commentary about GRR.
13. We prohibit the sale, use, possession of, or transfer of any controlled substances or alcohol on our property.
14. We ask volunteers and staff to park at the far ends of the parking lot to leave spaces closest to the door for GRR clients.

GRR WELCOMES YOU!



Joining the GRR community affords you the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of all the displaced pets that come to our shelter. You, as a volunteer, are a valued and necessary factor in the long-term continuation of our shelter. Without your physical help and emotional caring, we could not survive.

Being a volunteer is extremely rewarding, educational, exciting, and fun! You can have a huge impact on the lives of homeless animals. In many cases, this is the first time someone has truly cared for them.

Thank you for giving your time and energy to the animals at GRR. We hope the time you spend here will be as rewarding to you as it is to our shelter animals!

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES & PRIVILEGES