



# VOLUNTEER RELEASE FORM

When volunteering, please wear comfortable clothes and closed toed shoes - preferably sneakers that you do not mind getting dirty. Please don't bring personal belongings as we have no storage space. We require all volunteers to follow the guidelines listed below, and sign-in before walking dogs or playing with the cats every time you come to volunteer. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age at the CARA shelter. Thank You!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- All volunteers will only enter areas of the shelter they are trained to enter. This includes all dog kennels. No one under the age of 18 can proceed beyond the lobby as per our insurance requirements.
- Please inform the staff if anything of concern occurs during your walk. Especially if it involves a fight, a bite, a scratch, or any unusual behavior.
- All CARA dogs must be kept on leash at all times unless specific dogs are allowed off leash with eyes on supervision within CARA play yard.
- Keep both hands free of cell phones, drinks, etc. when walking our dogs.
- Do not allow other people, children, or other dogs play with or pet any CARA dog without consent from a CARA representative.
- All volunteers under the age of 18 must have an adult with them at all times. No one under the age of 18 will be in direct control (i.e. holding a leash) of any CARA animal.
- Never take anything (bones, garbage, etc.) out of our dogs' mouths. Report this when you return to the shelter.
- Never tie up the CARA dog you are walking or leave them unattended for ANY reason.
- If an animal your are attending is ever in a fight; never put your hands in to separate the animals. Make loud noises or use water to separate them.
- Please always take poop bags with during walks. Picking up dog poop makes us good neighbors.
- Please be cautious of animals posture and behaviors. If they look unhappy they probably are unhappy.
- If a dog gets away from you, don't chase the dog! Squat down and call the dog's name and the dog should come back to you. If you chase them, they think it's a game and will keep running away.
- When your walk is finished, please bring your dog back to the kennel area for a staff member to put the dog away. If no one is at the desk, please wait patiently. We may be out on a short walk ourselves.
- When visiting the Cattery, please enter and leave quickly and be careful not to let any cats escape ensuring the door is closed.
- Gently approach cats that are loose in the room and pet them.

***I have read, understand, and agree to follow the above guidelines. I will not hold CARA Shelter accountable for any accident or injury that may result when I am a CARA Volunteer.***

***I am over 18 years of age***       ***I am under 18 years of age (Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_)***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***If under 18: Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_***