

# Old Dog Haven

## Volunteer Opportunities: How can you help?

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Old Dog Haven's greatest needs are for foster and Final Refuge homes for senior dogs, but if you'd like to volunteer otherwise here are some ways you can help.

Please keep in mind that Old Dog Haven dogs are in a network of foster homes all over western Washington, not in a kennel. Opportunities to help with dog care and companionship seldom arise.

**Transport Volunteer** — This is an on-call position. It doesn't require a regular time commitment but does require flexibility to make a trip on fairly short notice. Transport volunteers move dogs between shelters and owners to foster homes, or pick up and deliver supplies or donations. Trips can be in various areas of western Washington, so volunteers from all areas are needed. Often the longer trips are divided between two or more volunteers. If you might be available for an occasional trip, you could be a great deal of help! Required: a vehicle that you can get a stiff old dog into, a cell phone, a Washington driver's license and vehicle insurance.

### Outreach & Events

Distribute brochures in your neighborhood — Coffee shops, vet clinics, pet stores and dog groomers are just some possibilities.

Event Volunteer — Help staff a booth or information table when we attend dog events. The time commitment is generally 3-4 hours and requires good knowledge of Old Dog Haven missions and operations. Training and materials provided.

### Fundraising

Monitor a donation can — Place and monitor a donation can at a local business. This requires a minimal amount of time but attendants must be willing to check the can every 2 to 4 weeks.

Host a benefit — Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? Some great examples of benefits held for Old Dog Haven have included a luncheon, garage sale, bake sale, class sessions with proceeds donated, 5K races. We can provide information on ODH.

Workplace giving — Invite an Old Dog Haven representative to speak at your workplace. Many companies offer employee giving programs with or without matching funds and it's a great way to help spread the word about Old Dog Haven to your colleagues.

Calendar vendor — Place and monitor calendar sales at a local business. This is a seasonal position usually lasting from October through February.

**Thank You Cards** — Write cards thanking donors for their gifts. Legible handwriting and a few hours every 2-3 weeks are required. Cards must be sent out within a week. Important: December and early January are a very busy season, be prepared!

**Marketing/Promotion** — Volunteers experienced in graphic design, photography, videography, social media, web design, public relations and e-marketing should let us know of their skills.

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**Special Events** — The Walk for Old Dogs in July is our biggest event of the year and volunteers are needed to:

Send out weekly emails to walk registrants. Must have experience in MailChimp and Photoshop.

Update the Walk for Old Dogs web site.

Do public relations and graphic design for marketing.

Procure prizes for top fundraisers and Old Dog Pageant winners.

Distribute posters and postcards.

Oversee volunteers the day of the walk.

Assist with set-up, registration, information booths and clean up on the day of the Walk.

These are just some of the ways to help Old Dog Haven. If you have a special skill or idea we'd love to hear from you.

All volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Please fill out our Old Dog Haven Volunteer Packet and email it to [office@olddoghaven.org](mailto:office@olddoghaven.org).

Or mail to:

Old Dog Haven

P.O. Box 1409

Oak Harbor, WA 98277-1409

[www.olddoghaven.org](http://www.olddoghaven.org)

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Old Dog Haven. Your help is greatly appreciated!



# Volunteer Application

Save this file to your computer, fill it out (save again when done) and email it back to ODH.

## Contact Information

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Home phone:</b>	<b>Cell phone:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Best way to reach you:</b>	

**I am 18 or over**

**Optional but helpful:**      18-25      26-40      41-65      Over 65

Occupation (or if retired, what work you did):

**Why do you want to volunteer for Old Dog Haven:**

**Have you volunteered for any other shelter or rescue organization?**      Yes      No

**What was the organization and what was your role?**

**When was this?**

**Are you comfortable with**      large dogs      small dogs

**In what dog-related activities have you previously participated (mark all that apply)?**

Grooming      Boarding      Walking      Training      Exhibiting      Breeding

Other (please specify):

**What skills/interests do you have that you think might benefit Old Dog Haven?**

**What volunteer activities interest you?**

Write thank you cards (openings are limited and you may be put on a waiting list)

Transport dog from shelter to foster home (opportunities may be limited)

Assist foster families with transport to vet appointments (may involve keeping dog for the work day)

Transport or distribute donated items, etc (volunteers needed!)

Check-in home visits with foster families and dogs

Help with large events, such as the Walk for Old Dogs

Fund raising:

    Monitor donation can (need more!)

    Place and monitor calendars in businesses (seasonal)

    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Place/distribute ODH pamphlets, posters

Assist with social media

Writing/editing guest blog, newsletter, reports

Provide short term care for a foster dog in your home (e.g., weekends, vacations). A separate application will be required

Donate professional grooming for ODH foster dogs

Graphic design

Training/behavioral consultation

Other

Ideas:

**If you are wanting to transport dogs, what kind of car do you have?**

**When are you available?**

Day	Time(s)
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

**How many hours do you anticipate being available to volunteer for ODH?**

Per week

Per month

**Do you have any physical conditions that would limit the type of volunteer activities you could do (e.g., lifting)?**

**How did you learn about ODH?**

**Anything else you would like us to know about you?**

Thanks for completing this form. Save when you're done and email it back.

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## VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT and LIABILITY WAIVER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Liability Waiver

I understand that I will begin volunteering on a reciprocal trial basis. I realize that the group is depending upon my commitment. If I cannot keep that commitment I will notify the appropriate coordinator immediately. I agree that any work I perform within the scope of this agreement is provided on a voluntary basis, and that I do not expect payment or other compensation. I also understand that a volunteer position does not constitute an employee-employer relationship with Old Dog Haven, and that I serve at the discretion of the Executive Director.

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the information provided on my application is true and correct. I understand that as a volunteer for Old Dog Haven I will provide my own automobile, automobile insurance and health insurance. I hereby agree to not hold Old Dog Haven or any of its volunteers, associates, officers or foster care providers liable for any physical, emotional or property damages that are a direct or indirect result of activities involved in the placement, transport, grooming, training or evaluating of dogs in any way associated with Old Dog Haven. This includes any and all activities I perform as an Old Dog Haven volunteer. I understand that there are inherent risks when dealing with any dog for Old Dog Haven, including but not limited to dog bites.

By signing, I state that I have never been convicted of animal abuse or animal collecting, nor have I ever been convicted of a felony or of driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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