



Volunteer Opportunities at Old Dog Haven: How can you help?

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Old Dog Haven!

Old Dog Haven's greatest need is for permanent foster homes for senior dogs. Our foster homes make it possible for us to give old dogs the medical care and love they deserve for the rest of their lives. If fostering isn't the right fit for you, there are still many other ways to make a difference and help senior dogs in need. Below are some of the ways you can help support our mission.

Please note that Old Dog Haven dogs live in a network of private foster homes throughout western Washington, Spokane and Oregon, not in a central location or shelter facility. Because of this, opportunities to help directly with dog care or companionship are limited, but there are many other meaningful ways to contribute.

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.

Community Outreach and Special Events

Volunteer for our annual summer event! Old Dog Haven has a special event each year, and we often need a variety of volunteers both before, during and after the one-day event (generally held in July or August). Please let us know if you would like to be involved. In particular, we always need help in set-up and take-down for the day-of the event.

Fundraising

Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? Help Old Dog Haven raise donations by hosting a benefit. Some great examples of benefits held for Old Dog Haven have included hosting a luncheon, garage sale, bake sale, class sessions with proceeds donated, or 5K races. We can provide informational brochures if requested. Invite an Old Dog Haven representative to speak at your workplace or inquire about ways your employer might help. 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.

Thank You Cards

Become part of our thank you card team. 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! (We currently are accepting volunteers for our waiting list.)

These are just some of the many 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.

On the following pages is the editable pdf of the volunteer application.

Simply download it, fill it out, save and then email it as an attachment to: office@olddoghaven.org with the subject line '**New Volunteer Application**'.



Volunteer Application

Contact Information

Name:	Date:
Home Phone:	Cell phone:
Address:	
Email:	
Best way to reach you:	

I am 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 Walking Training Fostering Other

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 depending on location)

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

Help with large events, such as our annual summer event

Fundraising, including:

Monitor donation collection containers at local businesses

Place and monitor calendar sales

Other

Place/distribute ODH pamphlets, poster

Donate professional grooming for foster dogs

Photography

Training/behavioral consultation

Other

Please share

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?

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT and LIABILITY WAIVER

Name

Address

Home phone

Cell phone

Work phone

Email

Volunteer Agreement Section

I understand that as a volunteer with Old Dog Haven, I am representing the organization and its mission to the public. I agree to conduct myself in a professional, courteous, and compassionate manner at all times, treating fellow volunteers, staff, adopters, and community members with respect. I also agree to follow all organizational policies, procedures, and guidelines.

Signature:

Date:

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:

Please type your name here to serve as your signature. Any electronic signature, including a typed name, appearing on this document shall have the same legal effect as a handwritten signature, pursuant to the Washington Electronic Authentication Act (RCW 19.34)

Date:

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